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THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Naval Restriction Should be Defined by Treaty.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, November 25.

At least a portion of the American delegation to the armament conference strongly holds that any agreement on naval armaments should be put in the form of a treaty, not left in the diplomatic status of an understanding.

Abolition of "Extrality" Approved in Principle.

Washington, November 25

Discussion of the Far Eastern question shifted to-day to the possibility of securing a modification of the system of extra-territorial rights in China. The Chinese delegates desire eventual abolition of the extra-territorial privilege, although they recognise that immediate change may be inadvisable.

Later.

The Chinese delegates presented a detailed statement at the executive session of the Far Eastern committee as regards extra-territorial rights which is described by other delegates as quite reasonable. The committee subsequently agreed in principle to the abolition of extra-territorial rights and appointed a sub-committee under the chairmanship of Senator Lodge to examine the matter.

M. Briand on Lord Curzon's Speech.

New York, November 25

M. Briand is sailing for home. Questioned regarding Lord Curzon's speech, the Premier merely asked what interest have friends and Allies to argue with one another when they are holding a conference with the object of securing the peace of the world

CHINA'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

Can Settle Them Herself, says Charge d'Affaires.

London, November 25.

Addressing Chinese students in London, Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, the Chinese Charge d'Affaires, drew a parallel between China and Ireland. He declared that stability would ultimately be established in both cases, and urged the students to make their English friends realise that China was philosophically and spiritually civilised and to contradict rumours that China was incapable of solving her own troubles without outside interference.

He declared that the financial position was sound still, and better than that of many European countries, the economic equilibrium being firm. China did not entertain any extravagant hopes of the Washington Conference, which she had entered in the friendliest spirit to all who really desired a good form of international co-operation aiming at the open door and facilitating economic and commercial development without prejudicing territorial integrity or political independence.

Differences Between N. and S. China.

London, November 25.

Mr. Lo Chong, the Chinese Consul-General, in an address at the Lyceum Club, dealing with the differences between North and South China, said that history showed that the North and South always settled down after a time. He hoped the present conflict would eventually be settled. Mr. Lo Chong also thought that no efforts to simplify the Chinese language could succeed. Whatever might be the merits of the new systems, they would have the effect of depriving the Chinese of the advantage of reading their ancient books and studying their literature.

BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH ON THE ENTENTE.

Press Opinion at Home and in France.

London, November 25.

British Press opinion on the references to France in Lord Curzon's speech is divided. One section, while understanding France's fear of Germany, points to her ability to rely upon the assistance of her fellow nations in case of attack, and emphasises that if France chooses a policy of isolation she will expose herself to terrible dangers from her old antagonist. On the other hand, papers particularly tinged with Francophile sentiments declare that the speech was unfortunate, and are disposed to criticise the inconsistency of British policy and to defend France's attitude in the Middle East, declaring that Lord Curzon backed the wrong horse.

Paris, November 25.

The papers are surprised and hurt at the tone and tenour of the speech, which is regarded as representing the official British views. The *Figaro Journal*, among others, protest that France is friendly towards England, and earnestly hope that Allied relations will remain undisturbed by misunderstandings. They suggest that while Anglo-French agreement in every direction is humanly impossible, union may reconstituted on the principle that each approach problems firmly determined to find a common solution.

THE FATE OF THE MOPLAHS.

Asphyxiation Report Doubted.

London, November 25.

The Government of Madras reports that investigations so far cast doubt upon the alleged cause of death of the Moplahs reported as asphyxiated on the 22nd inst. The men were in an ordinary luggage van. The Surgeon General has been instructed to investigate fully.

THE IRISH NEGOTIATIONS.

How Does Ulster Stand?

London, November 25.

The Irish negotiations are again in a critical state. Sir James Craig had an hour's conference with Mr. Lloyd George this morning. He returns to-night to Belfast, where the death-roll has now reached twenty-four, to take charge of the situation.

BRITISH PHARMACOPOEIA TO BE TRANSLATED INTO CHINESE.

Medical Council Gives Its Consent.

London, November 25.

The British General Medical Council has given permission for the translation of the whole of the Pharmacopoeia into Chinese.

EX-VOLUNTEER OFFICERS.

The Right to Wear Uniform.

In to-day's Government *Gazette* appears the following despatch to H. E. the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that I have recently been in communication with the Army Council on the subject of the status of officers on retirement from the Colonial Volunteer Forces, and that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the privilege of wearing uniform, granted to ex-officers of Dominion Forces and Colonial Volunteers under local conditions, which is now effective only within local limits, being extended to cover the wearing of uniform on special occasions at home and elsewhere throughout His Majesty's dominions

2. His Majesty has also been pleased to approve that the privilege of retaining rank by such officers should be extended to be effective throughout His Majesty's dominions.

3. These privileges will be limited to an officer who held a commission between the 5th. of August, 1914, and the date of the termination of War—midnight of 31st. August as notified to you in my telegram of 16th. August.

4. Military officers in this country who have relinquished their commissions and who have been permitted to retain their rank, also officers who have been demobilised or disembodied, are permitted to wear uniform on special occasions when attending ceremonies and entertainments of a military nature, and on occasions when the wearing of uniform would appear appropriate, and this limitation should be observed in respect of officers of the Colonial Volunteer Forces who have relinquished their commissions and have been permitted to retain their rank under their due authority by notification in the local *Gazette*.

5. The uniform should be restricted to service dress, and should be that of the unit or of the general list to which the officer belonged when he relinquished his commission or was demobilised. The badges of rank should be those of the rank he held when demobilised, or that retained by him when he quitted the service.

GOVERNOR HONOURED.

Japanese Order for His Excellency.

The Japanese Consulate General has informed us that it is in receipt of the following information:—

"In recognition of the valuable services rendered during the visit to Hongkong last Spring of H.H. the Crown Prince of Japan on his way to Great Britain, H.M. the Emperor of Japan has been pleased to confer upon H.E. Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong, the First Class of the Order of the Rising Sun, the Insignia of which is expected to arrive shortly."

CONDITIONS IN THE COTTON INDUSTRY.

Reduced Time Plan Rejected.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, November 25.

The ballot of the members of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners failed to secure the necessary 80 per cent. majority in favour of running the mills working American cotton for 24 instead 48 hours weekly; therefore each mill will continue to regulate its own hours.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN STATES.

A Series of Conventions.

Porto Rosa, November 25.

The conference which has been sitting here this month under Italy's auspices to regulate the various questions affecting the States formed from the old Austro-Hungarian Empire has closed with the signature to eighteen protocols, conventions, and resolutions by the States concerned relating to postal, telegraphic, and railway traffic between them and other matters.

REGENCY IN JAPAN.

Crown Prince Appointed.

Tokio, November 25.

The Crown Prince has been appointed Regent.

BIG INCREASE IN EXPORTS TO CHINA.

New York, November 25.

American exports to China for the last twelve months are valued at nearly $150.0 0,000 compared with $25,000,000 before the war.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH IN SYRIA.

Paris, November 23.

According to Beirut (Syria) reports, the French High Commisioner is proceeding with pacification and organisaion work, the Moslem elements co-operating heartily."—*Havas.*

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

New York, Nov. 25.

Speaking at the Lotos Club, M. Briand urged the people linked by ties of blood with the peoples of the Central Powers to tell the German people they had nothing to fear from France. France only awaited any gesture of goodwill from Germany and France would do everything in her power to eliminate the causes of war and assure peaceful relations not only between France and Germany but the whole world.

WIRELESS MESSAGE FROM WALES TO AUSTRALIA.

London, Nov. 25.

The Carnarvon wireless has successfully transmitted messages direct to Australia by means of the so-called valve transmitter. Sydney and Melbourne replied indirectly.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE

Local Depositors To Combine.

A number of local depositors who are anxious regarding the return of their money, have addressed the Government on the subject of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, petitioning for information as to the Bank. In its reply the Government referred the matter to the Registrar, Mr. H. Nisbet, who has displaced Mr. E. A. Williams in the provisional managership of the local branch.

With a view to bringing moral pressure on the French Government to accelerate its efforts for the re-establishment of the Banque, or for its liquidation, local depositors to the number of about 50, representing, we are told, a sum of $30,000 will in the early part of the next week participate in a meeting for the purpose of forming an association on the same lines as those existing at Shanghai and Indo-China ports. When organized, the Association, through its Secretary, will dispatch regular telegrams to the French Government on the subject of the Banque and in other ways agitate for an early decision in the affairs of the Bank. An entrance fee of $5 will probably be charged for membership in the Association, the funds derived therefrom being used to defray the costs of cable messages. The promoters of the movement are fortunate in securing the services of a resident from Shanghai who has been in close touch with the activities of the Shanghai and Indo-Chinese Depositors' Associations.

HONGKONG'S TRADE

Chamber Of Commerce Report.

The fortnighly Price Current and Market Report issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce states:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—No sales are reported during the interval. Clearances of Fancy Goods for all markets except Kwangsi shew some improvement. The decline in Home prices is set off by the lower exchange.

Cotton Yarn.—A fair inquiry emanated at the lower levels ruling and about 4,000 bales changed first hands. Latterly values have improved about $8 to $10 per bale for the lower counts. The higher denominations of Indian Yarn are neglected owing to keen Japanese competition. Quotations are:—No. 10s. $160/191. No. 12s. $180/200. No 16s. $,195/220. No. 20s. $205/225. Arrivals nil. Sales 4,000 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold Stock 1,500 bales. Bargains 5,000 bales.

Woollens.—The sales reported are of the hand-to-mouth kind. Dealers are still liquidating their old purchases but only under pressure. The market is very quiet.

Raw Cottons.—Values are nominally unaltered as follows:—Indian grades at $29/32 per picul. Chinese grades at $31/38 per picul.

Metals.—Business extremely quiet, with very few enquiries. Wire Nails. Quotations from London are firm and show an advance for most sizes. Tin Plates Some business is reported in American Tin Plates at from $10.40 to $10.60 per box. M.S. Bars and M.S. Plates are unchanged, but there is no demand. Continental works appear to be oversold, and are giving bad delivery, particularly in the smaller sizes. There will be many contracts overdue.

Flour Market Report. Stock: About 215,00 sacks. Quotations: American Patent $3 80 per sack, American Cut off $3.05 per sack, American Straight $2 95 per sack, Shanghai Flour $3.20 per sack, Australian No. 1 $3.00 per sack.

PENNY DAMAGES.

One penny was awarded as damages in a case at Clerkenwell County Court.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

The Tenyo Maru's Passengers.

The T.K.K. Tenyo Maru, which leaves at noon to-morrow, is heavily booked.

Amongst the passengers leaving by the vessel are:

Mr. and Mrs. Ho Shai Wa and daughter. Mr. Ho is proceeding to San Francisco to start a business there.

Mr. W. H. Bell, manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, who is proceeding to Keelung.

Mr. R. Brewster-Jenning of the Standard Oil Company who is going to Shanghai.

Captain and Mrs. Van de Blink from Sourabaya who are booked for San Francisco, en route for Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. James Park who arrived from Singapore by the Laising yesterday.

There is also an American express party who have been touring the East and are bound for Honolulu. It numbers thirteen, chief of them being Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bateman and family. Mr. Bateman is president of the Trans-Continental Freight Company, whose headquarters are in Chicago and which has offices in all the big cities in the United States

Katori Maru's Passengers.

The Katori Maru, which arrived this morning, had 35 first-class passengers on board. Amongst these were:—

Sir Ellis Kadoorie, who returned from Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood who returned from Japan where they have spent their honey moon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Northey.

A New Steamer.

The Hsin Wah, a new steamer built at Cardiff for the China Chins Merchants Steam Navigation Coy., arrived here from Bangkok, for the first time this morning. Mr. A. P. Sangster is the master.

The Keystone State.

The Keystone State just missed the tide this morning and will not arrive until 2 p.m. to-day.

In Wireless Communication.

The following vessels were in wireless communication with the port when we went to press:—

Nyanza, Morioka Maru, Borneo Maru, Indo Maru, Keystone State, Delagoa Maru, Van Cloon, Empire Arrow, Karimata, Tieresias Tjipanas Kleist, Empire State, Hwahping, Lieutenant de la Tour.

WARDER'S LAPSE.

Indian Sent to Gaol.

An Indian warder of the Victoria Gaol was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with refusing to go on duty when ordered to do so by the Chief Warder.

Chief Warder McLeod, who prosecuted, said that the offence of the accused consisted of eating the prisoner's food and of refusing duty. On a report made to witness of the offence he took the accused before the Superintendent of the Gaol, Mr. Franks, who recommended that the rank of the accused be reduced from that of warded to the position of guard. On hearing the decision, the accused, took off his belt and threw it on the ground and started to unbutton his jacket, saying as he did so, "I will not take on the job." He was ordered to put on his belt and jacket and was asked by the Superintendent three times whether he refused to go on duty. At each time the accused replied, "Yes, I do."

In reply to His Worship, the accused said that he was suffering from injustice on the part of the Superintendent, who was prejudiced by the Indian senior warder against him. He had been informed, previously, that he would be leniently dealt with and the decision of the superintendent was the very opposite of what he had been led to expect.

On being informed by Chief Warder McLeod that it was desired a severe punishment in the form of imprisonment should be inflicted, His Worship sentenced the accused to four month's hard labour.

NEW RENTS BILL.

Protecting Boarding House-Keepers.

It is announced in the Government *Gazette* that at the meeting of the Legislative Council another Rents Bill will be introduced.

The "Objects and Reasons" state:—

The object of this bill is to bring the leases of non-Chinese hotels and boarding houses within the Rents Ordinances. In the original draft of the principal Ordinance all hotels and boarding houses were wholly excluded. The leases of Chinese hotels and boarding houses were afterwards made subject to the Ordinance in consequence of the representations of the Chinese hotel and boarding house keepers. Subsequent experience has shown that it is desirable to include also the leases of non-Chinese hotels and boarding houses, for two reasons. In the first place, it is undesirable that boarding house keepers should be at the mercy of their landlords as regards rent, partly because the landlord may be tempted to make an unreasonable use of the fact that in most cases the boarding house keeper cannot possibly find other premises, and so may be "squeezed" indefinitely, and partly because the effects of this "squeezing" must also be felt by the boarders, unless of course the boarding house keeper is driven out of the business altogether. This danger of the closing of the boarding house is the second reason referred to above. The rent may eventually be raised to such a point that the boarding house keeper cannot pay it, being unable to recover the additional expense from the boarders. In other cases, the owner, or a purchaser, may wish to move into the premises because he fancies the place as a residence for himself and his family. This also seems undesirable because the boarding house probably houses more persons who have their occupations in Hongkong and who must live here.

DAY BY DAY.

Thefts of money to the amount of $175 and of two silver watches were reported by an engineer and a passenger of the Pheumpenh respectively on the arrival of the vessel here yesterday.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

—The Coronet has a special illustrated notice on page 5 advertising the big picture "Dead Men Tell No Tales."

To-morrow at the Kowloon Theatre Mary Pickford appears twice in "How could you, Jean?"—Page 12.

The Admiral Line advises consignees of cargo of the arrival in port of the s.s. Keystone State.—Page 12.

The Hongkong Theatre film feature for the week-end is entitled "The Magnificent Brute."—Page 12.

Boxing at the Theatre Royal to-night.—Page 4.

The R.H.K. Yacht *Club* will hold a Regatta at Repulse Bay on December 10.—Page 4.

Lammerts will sell bags of Rice on the 28th. inst. and a wooden lighter on the 29th. inst.—Page 4.

8,000 Toys are to hand for the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Bazaar.—Page 4.

Mr. Daniel Onderwijzer will give a concert at the Theatre Royal on December 8th.—Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 7¼d.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day 5.25 p.m.

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OVERSEAS CLUB.

Garden Party at Marble Hall.

LETTER FROM LORD NORTHCLIFFE.

The Hongkong Branch of the Overseas Club and Patriotic League held a very successful garden party yesterday afternoon in the beautiful grounds of Marble Hall which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee for the occasion by the Hon. Sir Paul Chater. The function was arranged principally to offer a cordial welcome to Viscount Northcliffe, the President of the Club, who was on a brief visit to the Colony, and it was a matter for great disappointment to the large number of visitors who accepted Sir Paul Chater's invitation that his lordship, finding it impossible to extend his stay, was prevented from attending owing to the P. and O. s.s. Nyanza, upon which he was travelling to Singapore, leaving earlier in the day. During the course of the speech-making a letter was read from Lord Northcliffe regretting his inability to be present, referring to the necessity for all English-speaking peoples in the Far East to combine and wishing the Hongkong Branch all success.

Outside the 250 members of the Hongkong Branch, few Britishers in the Colony are acquainted with the objects of the Overseas Club and Patriotic League, but we are pleased to be able to say that interest in the movement is being revived and that an effort, in which Mr. Eric Rice, His Excellency the Governor's private secretary is taking a leading part, is being made towards substantially increasing the membership. The objects of the Overseas Club are four. Briefly, they are to help one another; to render individual service to the Empire; to maintain the power of the Empire and to hold to its best traditions and to draw closely together in the bond of comradeship British people the world over.

The grounds of Marble Hall, commanding a glorious and extensive view of the harbour and the Peninsula, are ideally situated for the holding of a social function. Between 300 and 400 members and friends were received by Sir Paul Chater and Mrs. Montague Ede. Prior to the speech-making the visitors had ample opportunity of inspecting Sir Paul's charming residence and of admiring the many valuable art treasures and the well-kept and splendidly laid-out grounds. Tea tables, nicely decorated with flowers and containing appetising delicacies, were dotted about the lawn and in front was a covered dais draped in Union Jacks from which several interesting speeches were delivered during the course of the afternoon's proceedings.

Lord Northcliffe's Message.

At four o'clock Sir Paul Chater opened the proceedings with a short address. He said: Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentleman,—While it gives me the very greatest pleasure to welcome you here to-day, I must apologise for the very untidy state in which you find my house. Men have been at work here since the beginning of October and it is very difficult to say when they will leave me. I should, of course, have been better pleased to have received you at a house free from such inconvenience, but this meeting could not be conveniently postponed. It was originally arranged in the hope that Lord Northcliffe, the President of the Overseas Club, and, I believe, one of the founders, would be present to address you. Unfortunately the exigencies of his arrangements have prevented him from doing so, but his sympathies are with us and he has left a message which later will be put before you. Although a member of several clubs in London, I am proud to be a member of the Overseas Club—a Club whose usefulness to all dwellers overseas, in Dominions and Colonies, cannot be over estimated; and, if I might do so, I would urge upon all here who are not already members to join forthwith. I will now introduce to you Mr. Breakspear, our local secretary, who has a message from Lord Northcliffe and who will be pleased to give you any further information about the Club. (Applause).

Mr. Breakspear said he saw Lord Northcliffe that morning on board the Nyanza, and after expressing his very great regret that he could not be present Lord Northcliffe handed him a letter to Sir Paul Chater, whom he described, very truly Mr. Breakspear thought, as a "brick." Mr. Breakspear then read the following message from Lord Northcliffe:

"I much regret that owing to a long accepted invitation to visit the Governor of Singapore at the end of this month, I am unable to be present at the Overseas gathering to-day.

In my opinion there was never greater need for the organisation of British people throughout the Far East than there is at this moment. Events in the near future will make it necessary for all English-speaking peoples in the Far East to combine.

Unity is strength and if we are dealt with separately and one by one by any hostile Power the labours of generations of Britons who have worked in the Far East will go for nought. The Overseas Club has played a very effective part in organising the British section of the English speaking peoples in China.

I am hoping to induce the Club to send out another travelling organiser to reinvigorate the Overseas Club and Patriotic League, with which I am proud to have been connected since their inception.

It seems to me that special steps should be taken to deal with communities which by their very nature are not so permanent as this, for example in New Zealand, where populations are stationary. I am presenting a report to the Club on my return which I hope will have beneficial results in the near future. Meanwhile let me wish all success to the Hongkong Branch." (Applause).

Stimulating the Local Branch.

Proceeding, Mr. Breakspear remarked that he was somewhat in the position of a music hall manager who had lost his star turn. Now Lord Northcliffe was out of hearing he did not mind confessing that the possibility of his being present was regarded in the light of a happy coincidence. They knew they were cutting things very fine, and at the last moment, owing to the desires of shippers to catch any cargoes offering in these days, the scale was turned against the organisers of the reception and the departure of the boat could not be delayed as they had hoped to arrange. The idea of this garden party originated with Mr. Rice, who had recently come from and had some experience of the great organisation controlled by the Overseas Club in London. He was anxious that something should be done to stimulate the local branch; and the garden party was arranged. He would like to pay a tribute to the enthusiasm and energy Mr. Rice had shown in arranging all the details and to the open-handed generosity of Sir Paul Chater that made such a gathering possible. (Applause) Without going into minute details with regard to the Overseas Club, Mr. Breakspear promised to send any who were interested some pamphlets which would convey all the information required. He deprecated the attitude of some people whose position was summed up in the question "What do I get out of it?" As to that he thought even the most commercially-minded person must agree that an afternoon spent so pleasantly in a delightful house and grounds placed at their disposal with such hospitable entertainment was all that the most exacting member of the Overseas Club could desire. (Laughter and Applause). But seriously, the Overseas Club was a non-party society for British residents in all parts of the world. In the most out-of-the-way places one was sure to find some representative of the Overseas Club. Its underlying motive was to promote unity among British subjects, to draw them together in the bonds of comradeship and the first object it presented to its members was to help one another. He hoped that this gathering would do something to help towards that end. One must remember that one could not always measure the value of a good work by the amount of dividend it paid in hard cash (Applause).

His Excellency the Governor's Appeal.

His Excellency the Governor, who was received with applause, said: Sir Paul Chater, Ladies and Gentlemen.—It is not my desire to give you any further information with regard to the Overseas Club, as Mr. Breakspear has given you a great deal and put you in the way of obtaining the rest. If anybody will call upon or write to Mr. Breakspear they will get some most interesting literature, including a charming magazine called "Overseas," which is one of the benefits which you derive from becoming members of the Overseas Club, which I trust you all will this afternoon. I mounted this platform as probably the oldest member of the Overseas Club here, to express the keen appreciation of the members of the Club of Sir Paul Chater's kindness in placing these grounds at our disposal. The object of the Club is a good one and we are indebted to Sir Paul Chater for his assistance in enabling us to carry it out. I can only again urge that any one of you who does not happen to be a member of the Club will remedy that defect as soon as possible (Applause).

Sir Paul Chater briefly thanked His Excellency for the honour he had conferred upon him in being present. They all heartily appreciated his kindness and the interest he took in the "Overseas Club. (Applause).

The party than sat down to tea, during which the Wiltshire Band, specially engaged for the occasion, rendered, under the able conductorship of Bandmaster J. W. Eatson, a number of pleasing selections. Ample provision had been made for the large number of guests and the arrangements were very successfully carried out by Mr. Herbert Norton of the Hongkong Hotel.

The Concert.

Tea over, the guests assembled in the Music Room where a short musical programme was rendered. The contributions were listened to with a great deal of pleasure and all the artistes were accorded warm receptions. Mrs. Abney opened the programme with a very fine interpretation of the violin solo Siciliano Rigandon (Francoeur-Kreisler). Mr. H. G. Anniss sang three songs, "Come away, Death," "Oh! Mistress Mine" (R. Quilter) and "My Dream," very impressively. Mr. Eric Rice's piano solos Prelude (Debussy) and Nocturne (Chopin) charmed the audience. The programme concluded with two songs, Charpentier's "Depuis le jour" (from Louise) and Elgar's "Pleading," by Miss Stokart whose sympathetic rendering was much admired.

A copy of this Prospectus in English and Chinese has been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The Subscription list will open on 15th day of November, 1921, and will close on or before 15th day of December, 1921.

THE HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER COMPANY, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1911-1921.)

SHARE CAPITAL $1,000,000.00

Divided into 100,000 ordinary shares of $10 each.

Of the above shares 18,710 are to be issued and credited as paid up, and as hereinafter mentioned, 56,290 of the remaining shares are now offered for public subscription, payable as follows:

$5 per share on Application. $5 per share on Allotment

It is not proposed to issue the balance of 25,000 shares until it shall appear necessary or advisable to do so (in the interests of the Company), and for the purpose of the further development of the Company's undertaking.

DIRECTORS.

Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAK, Gentleman, Caine Road, Hongkong.
W. A. DOWLEY, Exchange and Bullion Broker, Room 6, Post Office Buildings, Hongkong.
M. CHAN HARR, Managing Director, Sincere Company, Limited, Hongkong.
HO JACK LUM, Partner, Kwong Sang Lee, Hongkong.
W. M. HUMPHREYS, Partner, W. G. Humphreys & Co., 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong.

BANKERS

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,
Bank of China.

SOLICITORS:—Wilkinson and Grist. **AUDITORS:**—Percy Smith Seth and Fleming.
SECRETARY:—Sydney Humphreys. **REGISTERED OFFICE:**—5, Duddell Street.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

Object.—This Company has been formed to purchase as a going concern the business known as the **Humphreys Hide and Leather Works,** carried on by the firm of W. G. Humphreys and Company of No. 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong.

Business.—The business comprises the manufacture of all kinds of Leather and the dealing in of hides and skins, and of all descriptions of goods and merchandise incidental to the business of such nature, and is carried on upon extensive, well-built, commodious, and modern premises situated at **Ma Tau Kok,** Kowloon, on Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1267 and 640, which contain an area of 110,942 square feet, held under a Crown Lease for 75 years with an option of a further 75 years from the 19th day of December, 1911, subject to a Crown rent of $506.00 per annum. These premises are within the Offensive Trade Area as defined by the Sanitary Authority and a licence has been granted by the Government to carry on the business of a Tannery in all respects thereon.

Premises at Ma Tau Kok

Site.—The Site is ideal for the purposes of the business, its area is ample for any future extensions that may be necessary, it is situated on the main road between Hok Un and Kowloon City, and is in close proximity to the sea front.

Buildings.—The extensive buildings erected on the Property are constructed of the best solid brick and concrete with tiled roofs, and concrete pits and floors: this type of construction ensures a low rate of Insurance against Fire.

Machinery and Motive Power.—The Tannery is equipped with the most up to date Hide and Leather working machinery. The motive power is supplied by a 100 B. H. P. Crude Oil Bolinder Engine with Generator direct connected, the various processes in the Tannery being operated by separate Electric drives from individual Motors.

Water Supply.—There is an independent supply of water from a specially constructed Well on the premises which is ample and suitable for the business.

Labour.—A plentiful and healthy supply of cheap country labour both male and female is always obtainable. The expansion of the business will therefore provide employment to a large number of Chinese labourers whose increased efficiency and development is in itself sufficient to commend this undertaking to all those who have the interests of Chinese and British trade at heart. From the foregoing facts it is asserted that from its equipment and position the Tannery has few equals.

Purposes of Formation.—The Reasons of the Vendors in turning the business into a limited liability Company, are:—(a) To procure the necessary additional Capital required, in order to meet the increasing demand for their Leather. (b) To further develop the business along sound progressive lines.

TERMS OF PURCHASE.

The premises are sold to the Company subject to a charge to the Mortgagees to secure $300,000 at an interest of 8% per cent per annum. The Mortgagees stipulate that $160,000 shall be repaid by the Company at an early date and consent to the balance remaining on loan. If as is anticipated the shares now offered to the public are fully subscribed it is proposed to pay off the whole debt forthwith.

Valuation of Property.—Hereunder are set forth at conservative figures the value of the property purchased by the Company and upon which the Vendors have based the purchase price.

Land (K.I.L. 1267 and 640=110,942 sq. feet) and Buildings thereon as valued by J. Caer Clark, Architect and Surveyor	$ 800,505.00
Machinery and Plant as valued by Robt. Hunter, of Macdonald & Co., Engineers	120,779.11
Stock of Hides, Leather, Chemicals and Materials etc., as per valuation by S. Humphreys and certified by Edmund McGrath, Tanner, less amounts due as shown by the books	65,821.05
	$ 487,105.16

No charge for Goodwill, etc.—In as much as the undertaking is a comparatively new one, the Vendors present to the Company the goodwill of the business and the trade marks and chops relating to their goods, which are already well known and growing in popularity rapidly.

The Vendors also claim no recompense for approximately 2 years of careful experimental work, as a result of which climatic and other difficulties have been overcome, the types of Leather most suited to the Chinese market gauged, and exact manufacturing cost ascertained.

APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL.

The capital of $562,900 to be provided by the present issue of 56,290 shares, now offered for public subscription, is intended as regards $262,900:

(a) To provide for the extension of the drying accommodation of Tannery.
(b) For the purpose of providing further working capital in order to finance the rapidly increasing business.

The balance will be devoted to paying off the existing loan of $300,000 upon the security of the Property.

Dividends.—It is provided by the Articles of Association that a preferential dividend of 10% per annum be paid to shareholders before any appropriation of profits is made by the Directors to the Reserve Fund.

Contract.—The following contract has been entered into:

Contract dated the 10th day of November 1921 between W. G. Humphreys & Co., of 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong, Merchants, the owners of the properties of the one part, and Charles David Wilkinson on behalf of the Company of the other part for the sale of the business and the leasehold property registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Inland Lots 640 and 1267 together with all messuages tenements fixtures erections and buildings erected thereon.

The purchase price for the sale of the properties has been fixed by the vendors who are the promoters of the Company at $487,100, nothing being charged for the goodwill. Of this sum $300,000 will be payable to the Mortgagees for the purpose of paying off a loan of that amount advanced to the Vendors on the security of the properties, and the balance of $187,100 will be paid and satisfied by the allotment of 18,710 ordinary shares credited as fully paid up.

Confidence of the Vendors.—That the Vendors themselves have every confidence in the undertaking is shown by the fact that they are receiving no cash consideration for the sale of the Tannery, but are accepting shares in the new Company.

Applications will be received by:—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Bank of China.

And Prospectus and forms of application can be obtained at the above Banks, or from:—Members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, Members of the Hongkong Share Brokers' Association, The Registered Office of the Company, or at the offices of the Company's Solicitors, Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

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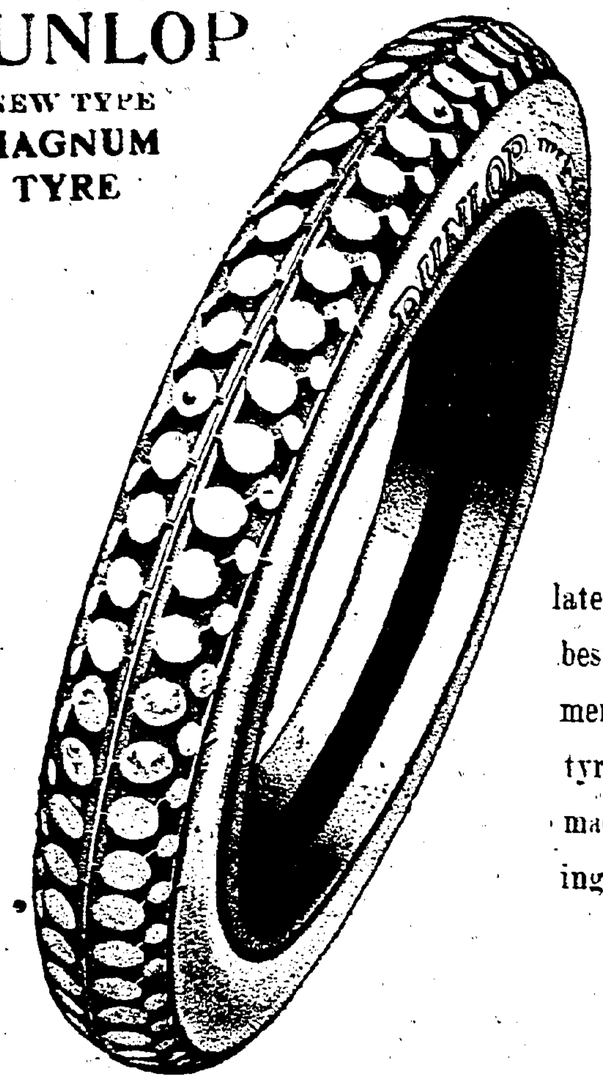

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE CONFERENCE.

Paris, Nov. 23.

The papers, irrespective of shade of opinion, are unanimous in appreciation of M. Briand's Washington speech, as depicting with striking accuracy France's position, having now to rely solely on her army to enforce the Treaty and to protect European peace. The British and Italian head delegates made spontanous declarations in support of the French claim, as well as noted Americans. These statements and M. Elihu Root's declaration that Franco-American friendship is to be placed above everything are commented upon as especially gratifying. In an interview at Washington with *Le Matin* representative, the French delegate M. Sarraut stated that China in the debates on the Far Eastern problem can rely on France as her truest and sincerest friend, adding that the principle of revision of concessions and special privileges granted by the former Chinese regime is now a settled matter.—*Havas.*

London, Nov. 25.

M. Briand's attitude at the Washington Conference is gravely pre-occupying the delegates, as, if the French policy sims at securing a paramount army, a large navy and air force, the French attitude must profoundly affect the whole question of disarmament. Although Conference opinion is generally sympathetic to the French desire to maintain a strong army owing to her special position, it is unable to appreciate the reason for M. Briand's demand for a powerful flotilla of submarines, which, taken in conjunction with the reported French desire to possess a fleet equal to Japan's, has struck the only jarring note in the Conference. French circles claim that M. Briand proved his point; but likely it is more that his success consists in side-tracking the question of land armaments and persuading the world that the demilitarisation of Europe is past praying for.

Britain's Conception of the Open Door.

Washington, Nov. 25.

A member of the Chinese delegation stated that China is ready to refuse longer to sit any longer at the Conference if the British view of the open door turns out to be the attitude of the Powers. He expressed confidence, however, that the British suggestion of a Consortium and pooling of railway concessions did not represent the policy of the United States and other delgations generally.

One Chinese official said his delegation will have officially to ignore the publication of the British view, as it was not put forward in the Conference room. "But if the proposal is made public as a move on the diplomatic chessboard, and other manoeuvres among the delegations are being made outside the Conference, then not only would the purpose of America in calling the Conference be set at nought but the proprieties would be violated."

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

ANOTHER EUROPEAN CAPTURED?

Canton, Nov. 25.

It is reported by a Chinese contemporary that a European of the B. A. T. Co., Ltd., while on a business trip to the North River districts in company of two Chinese employees, was recently held up and subjected to demands of black mail by a gang of bandits at Taiwan, Yingtak.

Refusing to pay the sum of money demanded, the European and one of the Chinese employees were forcibly carried way. I understand that the British Consul has communicated with the Chinese authorities about the matter.

RUBBER SCHEMES.

Singapore, Nov. 25.

The F. M. S. Government is reinstituting the export tax on rubber, with a sliding scale, beginning when the price is 35 cents. Hitherto the minimum has been 50 cents. Thus Government revenue from this source has disappeared in the past few months, market reportsare optimistic and shares are advancing. It is reported that Mr. Churchill is not opposed to a relief scheme for rubber, similar to Burma's.

THE SINGAPORE SUSPENSION.

Singapore, Nov. 25.

The Bank of Communications paid out $600,000 in four hours on Wednesday, prior to its suspension. There is no excitement.

NOTICE.

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OUR XMAS STOCKS HAVE COMMENCED TO ARRIVE.

WE ARE NOW SHOWING A VERY FINE SELECTION OF

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NEW STOCK NEW PRICES

Children's Jason White Wool Vests High neck and long sleeves.

Sizes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$	3.95	4.25	4.75	5.50	5.95	6.50	6.95

Children's Jason Conbinations in pure White Wool High neck and long sleeves

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Ladies' Jason White Wool Vests. High neck and long sleeves.

SMALL	MED.	O.S.
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H. N. L. S.....	$13.50	$14.50	$15.50
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Benger's Food is always made with fresh new milk, which it greatly enriches and changes into a delicious food cream. Whilst being so highly nutritious that athletes train upon it, Benger's is so delicate that it will not disagree with the most sensitive stomach. *Note:—The fresh cream milk for preference to milk prepared or tinned milk is used, it should be cautiously diluted.*

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WANTED.—By an experienced stenographer a position with commercial concern. Can furnish excellent recommendation from present employer.—Apply Box No. 627 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

FURNISHED HOUSE WANTED on the Peak for English Married Couple (no children) from about May 1922. Any period of tenancy.—Apply Box No. 626 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

WANTED.—Really first class Chinese Clerk in foreign Office Canton.—Apply stating age and salary required, to Box No. 631 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph"

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have a large selection of CLAN TARTANS in Silk Sashes, Scarves, Ties, Handkerchiefs and Mufflers.

Piano for sale, second-hand Moutrie, under 1 year old, good tone, black finish electric dryer fitted, reasonable price for immediate purchase. Can be seen and tried any morning. Smith, Watson Road, North Point.

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The Residence "KENLIS" Mount Kellet, Peak. Area 12,956 Square Feet. Possession 1st. January 1922.—Apply Box No. 630. c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

A REGATTA will be held at Repulse Bay on SATURDAY 10th December, 1921 commencing at 3.15 p.m.

The following rowing events are open, and may be competed for by any crews from the Army, Navy, Recognised Hong or Club.

Entries to be sent to J. S. McCann, Esq., R. H. Y. C. North Point, by December 4th, 1921.

Race		Distance Entrance Fee per crew
Senior fours	¾ mile	$5.00
Junior fours	¾ "	$5.00
Single Sculls	¾ "	$2.00
Cutters and Whalers...	2 miles	$5.00

The Club Racing Yacht and cruiser races will take place at Repulse Bay during the afternoon.

The Hongkong Hotel Band will play in the enclosure where Tea will be obtainable by members and their guests.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1921.

THEATRE ROYAL.

GRAND CONCERT,

given by

DANIEL ONDERWIJZER

(Baritone)

kindly assisted by

MRS. AUBREY BOWES-SMITH

(Soprano)

and

HARRY ORE

(piano)

ON

Thursday, December 8th.

at

9.15 p.m.

Admission: $3, 2 & 1.

Booking at **Anderson's**

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Monday, the 28th Nov., 1921

commencing at 11 a.m.

at Po On Godown, West Point (for account of the concerned)

935 Bags Broken White Rice
7 Bags White Rice

Terms: Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS,
Auctioneers.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Monday, the 28th Nov., 1921

commencing at 11.30 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street

(for account of the concerned)

1 case Reversible Blankets

And

5 cases Army Blankets
1 1-ton Pulley Block with 6 lengths chains
31 boxes Cod Liver Oil
1 case Fixing Blocks
1 case Pulley Blocks, various sizes
ous sizes

Terms: Cash on delivery

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Tuesday the 29th Nov., 1921

commencing at 3 p.m.

at No. 10B (Top Floor) Empress Buildings, Mody Road, Kowloon

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

(Full particulars from catalogue On view on day of sale

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
Auctioneers.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Tuesday, the 29th Nov., 1921

at 12 o'clock (noon)

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One Wooden Lighter with necessary Gear

Length 70 feet
Width 20 feet
Deep 8 feet

Carrying Capacity 120 tons

Terms: Cash on delivery.

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HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

The New Grill Room will be Opened for Dinner on the night of 30th. November, 1921.

Patrons are, therefore, Notified that the present Grill room will cease to exist as such after Tiffin on that date.

Tables booked for St. Andrew's Night will be transferred to the New Grill Room.

RECEPTION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

It is requested that all members of the community who desire to participate in the Decoration and Illumination of the Colony on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' visit,—April 6th. and 7th.—will communicate without delay with Mr. C. Montague Ede, 3 and 4 Queen's Buildings, stating the number of lanterns they wish to order, for the decoration of business houses or private residences.

It is wished to maintain an organised scheme of decoration and to facilitate this all lanterns will be procurable through the above mentioned address.

G. R. NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 28th day of November 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Davis in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale's Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Conditions as to Annual Rental. Upset Price
Inland Lot No. [illegible] Adjoining Inland Lot No. [illegible] Victoria Road, Mount Davis.		feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.	$ $
		As per sale plan.				Annual 2,534 3,140

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the second Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Boxing Association will be held at Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.'s Board Room on Tuesday the 29th day of November, 1921, at 5.30 p.m. for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the General Committee's Reports and Statement of Accounts for the year ending the 30th day of September, 1921.
2. To elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Official Referee, Manager, Secretary and Treasurer and the General Committee for the year 1921-1922.
3. To appoint an Auditor.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association will be held at the same place immediately on the termination of the Annual General Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution, that is to say:—

"That the Articles of Association be altered as follows:—

(a) By the substitution of the word 'June' for the word 'September' in the 12th line of Article 12.

(b) By the substitution of the word 'a' for the word 'on' in line 1 of Article 13.

(c) By the substitution of the word 'July' for the word 'October' in line 2 and of the words '30th September' for the words '31st December' in line 4 of Article 17.

(d) By the substitution of the word 'July' for the word 'October' in line 2 of Article 22.

(e) By inserting immediately after Article 25 the following new Article:—

"25a Where it is proposed to pass a Special Resolution the two meetings may be convened by one and the same notice, and it is to be no objection to such notice that it only convenes the second meeting contingently on the resolution being passed by the requisite majority at the first meeting."

By Order of the General Committee.

GEORGE G. N. TINSON,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1921.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

Motor Car Draw.

One book of tickets (Nos. 0151 to 0200) has been lost. Of this book only seven tickets (Nos. 0151, 0152, 0153, 0158, 0159, 0 62 and 0190) had been sold. The public are notified that all tickets in this book except the above seven have been cancelled. The book is being reprinted and all the fifty tickets will bear the signatures of Messrs. A. H. Carroll and Max A. dos Remedios on behalf of the Bazaar Committee. Holders of the above seven tickets are requested to return their tickets to Mr. A. H. Carroll, Messrs Carroll Bros., Ice House Street, who will issue new tickets bearing the same numbers in exchange.

W. G. FITZ GIBBON,
Chairman, Bazaar Committee.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT.

The Usual Tea and Dinner Dance will not be held on Wednesday, 30th November, 1921.

FOR HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Sails for Hongkong and Haiphong every alternate Tuesday.

The favourite passenger steamer

HAI-MUN

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Noon, 29th November, 1921, leaving Hongkong.
Noon, 13th December, 1911. ... "
Noon, 27th December, 1921. ... "

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Industrial & Commercial Bank, Limited, will remove on Monday, November 28th, to York Building, No. 13 Chater Road.

THE SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held on Tuesday, 29th November, at the Helena May Institute, at 5.15 p.m.

D. E. FROST,
Hon. Secretary.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., LTD.

The formal inauguration of the above company will take place to-morrow, November 26th., when a reception will be held at 3.30 p.m. on the company's premises in Nathan Road, Kowloon. On Sunday the bus service will be inaugurated.

UNION CHURCH.

A Sale of Work will be held by the Ladies Committee in the grounds of Union Church on Wednesday, 7th December, at 3 o'clock.

A good selection of plain and fancy articles suitable for Christmas presents, Sweets, Bran Tub, etc. etc.

Tea will be served
Admission Free.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, (1918) LIMITED

THE THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th December, 1921 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September 1921, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY, the 1st December 1921 until SATURDAY, the 10th December 1921, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th November, 1921.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

First TOURNAMENT of Season.

THEATRE ROYAL

To-night at 9.15 p.m.

Main Event. Featherweight Championship of the Colony.

Teddy Neal
Hongkong.

v.

Leading Stoker Britt
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Prices $5.—(ringside)
$3.—(reserved)
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NEW GRILL ROOM

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"ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT"

Wednesday, 30th Nov., 1921.

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Steamers calling at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN exclusively for Bunkers are exempt from payment of ordinary Port Charges. The minimum draft of water alongside the Company's Wharf at Sebattik is 28 feet at low water Spring Tides. Charts of Cowie Bay (Sebattik Harbour) and any required information concerning the port can be had on application to

BRADLEY & CO. LTD.
Agents,
The COWIE HARBOUR COAL CO. LTD.

NOTICE.

THE HARBOUR MOTOR BOATS.

We beg to notify the General Public that, effective from 1st December, 1921, the Scale of Fares of motor boats plying for hire within the Harbour Limits will be raised to $2.40 per hour or $1.20 per trip not exceeding fifteen minutes. It is earnestly hoped that Patrons will fully appreciate and readily concede that it is only with reluctance that owners have been compelled to decide upon this small increase, taking into consideration the greatly enhanced cost of labour and materials within recent years, and in view of the fact that they have strenuously striven to maintain, till now, a Scale which was originally introduced some twelve years ago, in spite of adversely changing circumstances.

A. King.
Republic Motorboat Co., Ltd.
Moonraker Motorboat Co, Ltd.
Walla Walla Motorboat Co.
Hung Tak Motorboat Co.
George Bing.
Tak Ching.
Wo Fat Motorboat Co.
Channy.
Wing Cheung & Co.
Hon Wei Motorboat Co.

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GARDEN SUBURBS OUT OF RATES.

Labour Housing Policy.

A housing policy for the Labour movement was outlined at a conference of the Labour Housing Association, at Cardiff. A resolution was carried demanding the provision of houses on garden suburb principles, on the best available sites, and at the lowest possible rents, and advocating that local authorities should be empowered to provide housing accommodation out of the rates with financial assistance from Imperial sources. The Government's housing policy, with its limitation of the building programme, was severely condemned:

Mr. E. L. Poulton, president of the Trades Union Congress, who presided, said that it was clear that pressure must be brought to bear on the Government to end existing housing scandal. He hoped they would make it so hot for somebody that the present condition of things would speedily end. One of the reasons given by the Government for the restriction of the housing programme was the high cost, but that was entirely due to the attitude of the Government, who had been too tender with the trusts and combines. (Cheers.) They were unwilling to take action against vested interests. The building trade workers were being blamed for not working harder, but there was abundant proof that "rings" had been created artificially to keep up prices, thus increasing the cost of raw materials and making it harder for local authorities to erect houses at a reasonable cost.

Mr. George Hicks, president of the Federation of Building Operatives, said the unions were willing to encourage increased output in the erection of houses, but their practical proposals had not been entertained, and the Government had made political capital out of the situation.

Mr. Coppock, secretary of the Building Operatives' Federation, said that more money was wasted on experiments, such as the airship now a wreck in the Humber, than was needed to carry out the entire housing programme.

Mrs. Turner, of Cardiff, said that animals and motor-cars were nowadays better housed than the people.

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JAPAN AND CHINA.
Mr. Bland's Contentions.

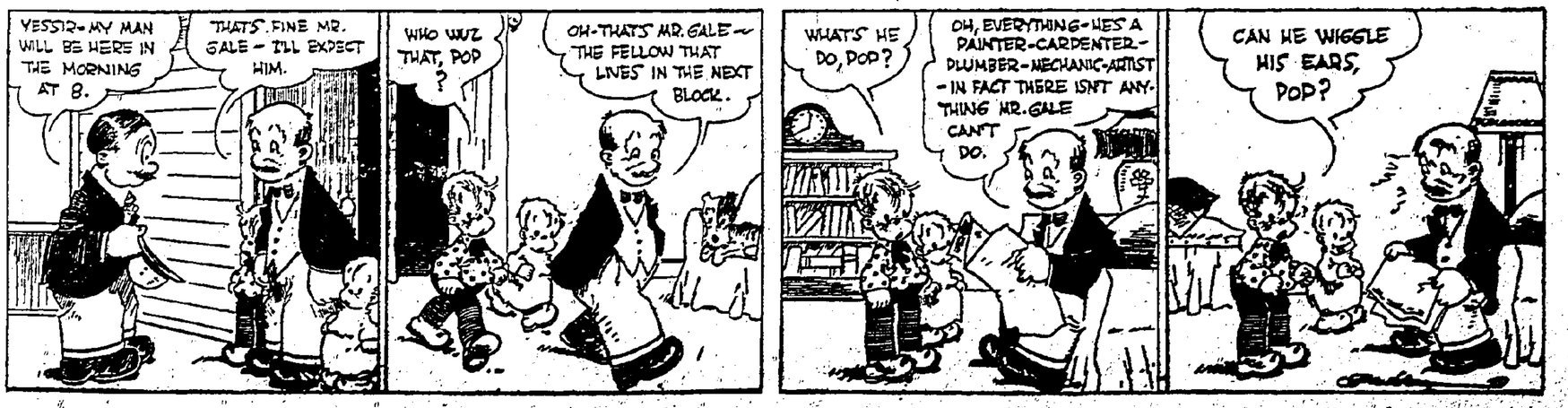
Mr. J. O P. Bland, writing in the November number of the *Atlantic Monthly*, says that the Conference will succeed if responsible American opinion is not misled by Chinese propaganda. China and the United States not being parties to the Versailles Treaty may disclaim Japan's right to Shantung. But we must not overlook, the fact that President Wilson was a consenting party to the Treaty, and that Japan, because of this, agreed to withdraw the thorny question of racial equality.

Regarding Manchuria, Mr. Bland says that the original lease of the Liaotung peninsula granted to Russia was only a political device to save face for Li Hung-chang. Actually China's sovereign rights in Manchuria were doomed from that moment.

To suggest that Manchuria and Mongolia be treated as integral provinces of China in the same way as the eighteen provinces of China Proper is to ignore the basic realities of the situation and the elements of geography and history.

Mr. Bland suggests that practicable means be followed in settling Eastern questions, and as practicable means he suggests. (1) Reasonable recognition of Japan's established position in Manchuria and Mongolia; (2) Simultaneous restoration to China by all the Powers of leased territory in China Proper and the abandonment of all claims to spheres of influence; (3) The withdrawal of all foreign garrisons and post offices from the eighteen provinces; (4) Concerted action of the Powers to help China to a restoration of her economic and political stability.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS — Jack of All Trades? — BY BLOSSER



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Birth.

SHERRY.—At the French Convent Hospital, on 26th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sherry, a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1921.

CHINA AND FISCAL LIBERTY.

Dr. Wellington Koo's appeal for the greater fiscal liberty of China will come as more than ordinarily interesting news to foreigners engaged in business out East for it is a matter which directly affects them all. There has been a great deal said and written about the preservation of China's sovereign rights but it is nevertheless a fact that since the signing of the 1901 Protocol, China has not been possessed of her full sovereign rights in the matter of import tariffs. At least there has been a great controversy over that matter and the Canton Government has been very roundly criticised of late because it has imposed a consumption tax on alcoholic liquors and tobacco. We do not desire to enter into that side of the matter here, but we should like to make it clear that on purely moral grounds the plea of Dr. Wellington Koo cannot be resisted.

At Washington we have a number of Powers sitting in Conference, all of whom most readily avow that their greatest desire is to maintain the integrity and sovereign rights of China. What greater right has any nation than to impose what taxes it likes! The extent of her taxation on imports will always be governed by reasonability and by necessity but for foreign business men to claim that China cannot impose more than the present five and two-and-a-half per cent. is tantamount to a denial of her sovereignty. Dr. Koo's proposals are quite reasonable, for although he wishes to restore to China the right to fix and differentiate in import tariff rates he realises that it is hardly possible to establish a new regime immediately and, therefore, the proposal to restore full autonomy should not be restored until a certain agreed period. We realise that there is a lack of clarity in the foregoing from the point of view as to whether China is now tied by the Treaty or whether she is free to act. Dr. Koo almost assumes in one place that China has not the right of free action, but in another he almost claims that she has. The point which we are trying to stress is that China must have that right if the talk of sovereignty is to be anything more than mere claptrap. That China can be advised as to the best course of action we quite agree, and we rejoice to see so many able men chosen as the sub-committee to consider the proposals. China will at least be assured of candid advice and the foreign merchants will be assured of having their case fully stated.

China's present financial difficulties have made the question a very imperative one. The British Minister in Peking has previously suggested a customs revision as the means of putting China straight regarding her own exchequer but there seems to have been some opposition in other quarters. Whether the Powers will try to extract from China a promise that once the taxes on ingoing goods are paid the goods shall be free from further duties we have not yet had any indication, but if China is permitted to increase her customs duties and is given the same amount of freedom as other countries then she ought to conform with international custom and not levy internal taxation. Once the tax has been paid on the imports there should be an end of the matter. Otherwise, China's foreign trade will doubtless be seriously affected. Let the import tax be what China herself decides, but let taxation finish there at the point of entry.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Penalties for "Squeeze."

According to a vernacular paper, the Chinese Ministry of Justice, to check "squeeze," has decreed that officials receiving bribes of over $500 are to be dealt with "under the second-class punishment," while those receiving bribes of over $1,000 are to be treated "under the first-class punishment." Not having the Chinese penal code at hand, we are left to wonder what kind of experience "first-class punishment" is. In regard to those who accept bribes of over $5,000—or the super-1st-class offenders, as they may be called—the decree is specific, as it states that these will incur the capital penalty, though whether by *lingchi* (the thousand deaths) or a more summary method is not indicated. Even then this last clause gives the mandate such a Draconic aspect that officials may at least be expected to stop short of $5,001 when accepting "squeeze." So long as they are content with such modest bribes as $500, Government servants appear to be at liberty to levy toll with impunity, as there is no mention of any "third-class punishment." A legislative veto on bribes would generally carry our sympathy, but just now the Chinese Government has little ground for arraigning its staff, when the latter's salaries are so much overdue that it is a puzzle how they manage to get along—except for bribes.

"Intelligent Anticipation."

A Japanese news agency provides an example of the "intelligent anticipation" that is usually in evidence when big events are pending. It predicts that the American proposals at Washington will include one for "the stabilisation of China under international guidance". Will this neatly-worded prescription be more acceptable to our Chinese friends than "international control"? The agency couples with this as another part of the United States programme the internationalisation of the Chinese Eastern Railway and the regulation of China's other railways. America has shown a close interest in China's railways, and so has Japan. Whether this attention is altogether welcome, even from the United States, except perhaps from the standpoint of finance, is another matter. At any rate, China has lately been laying special emphasis upon control of her own railways. Then the agency "opines"—as Reuter would say—that America will recognise Britain's need for the "largest" navy, subject to a stipulation that Uncle Sam is to have one of the same size! This is reminiscent of a London journal's formula of "a Fleet equal to that of the next-strongest (*sic*) Power." On this point the actuality confirms the anticipation, which, to be sure, needed little intelligence, the proposed equality having been openly discussed for months, though the wordings used by the Japanese agency and the London journal are noticeably droll. But after the surfeit of forecasts, we rather prefer to let developments at Washington unfold themselves.

"Kricket"

It must have been a diverting sight to see Fritz at "Kricket," as the Berlin papers called the game in describing the first match between German and Dutch teams, in which the latter gained an advantage. Dutchmen, however, are by no means new to the game. A good many seasons back now the "Gentlemen of Holland" visited London and met several good clubs, among them the M.C.C., for whom "Ranji," then an undergraduate at Cambridge, registered a century. The Netherlanders, nevertheless, gave quite a fair account of themselves. We wonder whether any reader remembers a Chinese who regularly appeared at that period in leading London club cricket? The reference is to a player named Ching, who was a member of the Croydon Club. He was of little account with the bat, generally going in last wicket, but, utilising his stature (which was above the Chinese average), he sent down a fast ball with considerable effect. We know that there are Chinese in this Colony who are no duffers at the game. What with Germany taking up "Kricket," following on the formation of a French team, the game once regarded as peculiarly Anglo-Saxon is taking on a universal complexion.

DAY BY DAY.

WORK IS THE TRUE SOURCE OF HUMAN WELFARE.—*Tolstoi.*

The name of Mr. Daniel Wilson of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. has been added to the list of local chemists and druggists.

H.E. the Governor has now received instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to recognise Cavaliere Petrucci as Consul for Italy at Hongkong.

It is notified in the *Gazette* of general information that a Welsh National Exhibition will be held at Cardiff between the months of May and October, 1922. Any persons desiring to obtain particulars of the same should apply at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

After being stabbed a man crawled up into his floor at No. 34 Aoshing Street on Thursday night and died in his bed some time later. When the Police were informed and investigation was started by Sergeant Dick. The remains were taken to the Mortuary.

Music lovers should reserve the night of Thursday, December 7th, when Mr. Daniel Onderwijzer, the Dutch baritone, will give a concert in the City Hall, assisted by Mr. Bowes Smith and Mr. Harry Ore. Mr. Onderwijzer will give English, French and Italian songs and selections from popular operas.

The case in which Yuen Iu was charged with uttering a counterfeit Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note for $10, or, alternatively, with being in possession of the note, concluded at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon. The Jury, without retiring, returned a verdict of not guilty on both counts, and prisoner was discharged.

A very successful whist drive, in which 152 players participated, was held at the Catholic Men's Club on Thursday evening. Mr. T. Pinches performed the duties of M. C. The following were the prize-winners:—Ladies: 1. Mrs. Harrison (179); 2. Mrs. Burden (175); 3. Miss May (173); Hidden Number: Mrs Williams (152). Men: 1. Mr. Fergusoa (191); 2. Mr. Ditson (180); 3. Mr. Small (175); 4. Mr. Haultain (176); Hidden Number: Mr. Grant (145).

"Under the Greenwood Tree" is the star film at the World Theatre during the week-end. It is the story of a rich woman who has three suitors, all after her money, and the device she adopts to find the right man. She takes a caravan into the woods and invites her three admirers to come with her and live the simple life. They do, but soon get tired and beat a hasty retreat. How "Mary" (Elsie Ferguson) eventually finds a man who loves her for herself, with no thought for her wealth at all, forms the basis of the story portrayed.

Spectacular scenes of a burning ship and an explosion at sea are presented with realism in "Dead Men Tell No Tales" the story of crime, love, and courage showing at the Coronet Theatre this evening. Based on the book by E. W. Hornung this Vitagraph masterpiece transposes to the screen the vivid qualities which have made the novel so popular with many readers. Having planned to steal a shipment of Australian gold at sea on the way to England, a pirate gang destroy the vessel and riddle the lifeboats. All must therefore perish, as dead men tell no tales. One man, however escapes, and is rescued by a passing ship. He hounds the culprits down, and as a reward wins the love of a brave girl.

A thrilling drama of human emotions presented against a background of primeval scenery in the majestic Yosemite is seen in "The Magnificent Brute" which will be shown at the Hongkong Theatre to-day. Frank Mayo, the hero of "The Brute Breaker" and other Universal dramas with strong themes, is the star of this production. He appears as Victor Raoul, a Canadian fur-trapper, who falls madly in love with Yvonne, the Parisian bred daughter of his senior partner. Her irresistible coquetry captivates his entire being. How he is accused of murder and fights off his pursuers in his isolated cabin in the wilderness is the dramatic situation which paves the way for a multitude of thrills.

PASSIM PAPERS.

Rambling Thoughts on Current Matters.

Am I, as I grow older, losing what little judgment I ever had? I do not seem properly to get the hang of things nowadays. I find M. Briand moaning about danger to France and pleading the need for being careful about reducing land armaments—and I begin to wonder what kind of mess these "political strategists" who are running the world to-day are going to make of it. I seem to recall that the Allies won the war over three years ago. I seem to recall that they then set about putting it across Germany, not in a vindictive but in a self-protective spirit. Never again was she to be allowed to threaten the peace of the world. She would be allowed police and a kind of military sufficient to preserve internal peace; no more than that. Then the Allies proceeded to disarm Germany and we were told "that's that," only more wordily. But that was not that at all, it seems.

France is still in danger and dare not reduce her army. Is that what has resulted from the war that was to end war? Is that the return from three years of peace and conferences galore? If it is, it seems full time that we had scrapped the political talkers and let some shrewd business people tackle the job, of putting matters right.

The Scharnhorst Trick.

Of course France is afraid that Germany will do what Scharnhorst did in 1806—employ once more the Krumper system, since a nation in arms is denied them, and burst upon the world with an army great enough to win a war as the Prussians won the battle of Leipzig. But surely the Allies will be more vigilant than was Napoleon. They cannot allow themselves to be caught by an old trick. But they will want something more solid than the League of Nations for the job of keeping Germany from getting up to mischief. As I see it that League affords a fine opening for illussory eloquence and for little else. I have still to discover how the laws passed by the League are proposed to be enforced. None of its champions have quite made that clear.

The Poverty of Words.

Just as I was wishing that some kind critic would fill my space, as someone did yesterday for the man below, came a note for the Rambler on the poverty of words. Says my correspondent:—"We have been so active of late years pushing Education—as we often ambitiously term it—by means of schools of every kind; by the daily press and books galore that it is perhaps no wonder our belief in and respect for words is not unbounded. 'He told me it was so; it must be true.' 'I heard them say it happened and therefore it cannot but be the case.' 'We read of it yesterday; I should never have believed it otherwise.' These are everyday remarks, all of them, and only go to show what words stand for. We take them at their face value and that, it seems to me, is where the trouble comes in; at best they are but paper currency with no reserve in the bank of truth to back them. And can we wonder at it? 'Say, "Thank you!" nicely, dear.' 'Say you are glad to see your little friends,' we carefully instruct our youngsters. Remember to say the kind thing or kind words cost nothing we advise our growing boys and girls. We forget to point out that we want the expression of a thought, not the use of a recognised and sadly worn formula. What gave rise in the writer's mind to the foregoing was the conversation overheard 'tis true but quite unavoidably because of the high pitch it was toned at—between a worker at one of our social functions the other afternoon and a lady friend.

'I am so interested, don't you know. I'd just have loved so much to have helped but you know how etc. In such a case it was impossible even for a fool not to recognise the emptiness of the words. Weighed almost unconsciously I found it decidedly light. Why do people do that sort of thing? It's a matter for regret that the word part in the business of life is so easy. But surely these folks know in their inmost hearts that the verbal formula plus the dutiful smile is just so much tosh; that 'words without thoughts never to heaven go.'"

True, very true. But when it comes to the matter of words give me our old friend Reuter at the Washington Conference. He has fairly spread himself over it and all he has told us could have been packed into a couple of columns. He sent one long telegram the other day and headed it "Special." And it opened thus:—"There is nothing fresh. . . ." He told the truth there, but even that did not justify the "special."

Brain Waves.

Every newspaper keep standing a number of what are known as "fillers"—little paragraphs of varying size which are used to fill up the bottom of a column at a push. Occasionally the man who makes up the column "waves the portion wi' judicious care." More often he merely grabs the first paragraph that fits. But someone on a morning contemporary had a brain wave the other day. It gave, near the bottom of a column, an account of a wedding which ended in the usual way by stating where the honeymoon is being spent. There was still a little space to spare and, as I live by bread, the compositor actually found a little honeymoon story to fill it! Don't tell me that was chance; let me continue to believe that it was deliberate choice. Compositors are not always so trustworthy, I remember one who put together a line in an advertisement in a Hongkong paper ("Vine Leaf Brandy") which he had broken. He got the letters in all right and made them read "Vine Veal Brandy." That man would have been a big success at an Anagram Tea. There was once an advertiser, too, who sent to the same newspaper the copy for an advertisement and added two words of instruction to the compositor. That willing worker included the two words in the advertisement and it appeared thus

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INVALID
PORT
(*Red Ink*)

I'll swear that advertiser displayed no poverty of words when he saw his advertisement.

THE COLONY'S FINANCES.

Position After Eight Months.

In the Government *Gazette* is published the Colony's financial statement up to the end of August in which it is shown that the revenue for August was $1,362,032 whilst the expenditure was $1,137,525. The Colony's balance of assets over liabilities was therefore increased from $5,891,713 to $6,115,221.

Taking the first eight months of this year as a whole the revenue has been $10,615,004 as compared with $9,716,745 for the same period last year—nearly a million dollars increase. The actual expenditure for the first eight months of this year has been $8,989,089 as against $7,977,986 last year.

CHINESE NEWS.

A Peking telegram to hand states that it is reported the government has received a telegram from Chan Tso-lin, tuchun of Fengtien, proposing that Chun Hsun should be appointed inspector of the Yangtse valley and be ordered to bring an army to Kiangsi, independent of the control of the commander-in-chief of the Chili army.

Chao Tui, tuchun of Shangtung, has agreed to send one more regiment to Hupeh to be under We Pui-foo's control.

The United States Minister has officially informed the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that Sun Yat-sen is negotiating loans with a Jewish syndicate.

More than five million dollars have been remitted to Peking from the various provincial governments to relieve the China and Communication Banks.

A Shanghai message says that an alliance has been formed between the authorities of Kiangsui, Chekiang and Anhui provinces to observe strct neutrality, in the event of war between the North and South.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

While it's quite true that many a man's popularity is due to the fact that he uses the truth wi' indiscretion, yet between ourselves, it's maybe just as well that Lord Northcliffe's away. For a while he was almost as useful as Joe or MacPherson; in fact wi' me, he was in grave danger o' becoming a perfect habit. And bad habits are best avoided. At least that was aye one of the things that Aunt Mary tried to impress on us boys.

Still, I think I owe him an apology for mistrusting him in the matter o' yon cable. I thought I had him coming and going but that just shows that a body's never sure o' onything. If I'd the money I'd send a radio right now to this effect:

Dear Alf.

Congratulations clever get-out. Said you'd manage. Proud belong same profession.

Robt.

And don't you jump ower quick at that word "profession." Just as there is more than one way of getting out of a hole so is there more professions than one.

Having that much off my conscience there's another little matter I've got to see to before I sleep the night, which maybe goes to prove that it never does to hit a man when he's down unless you're sure you can keep him down. I'm referring of course to the screed you read about me last night.

Now when a man gets ticked off in yon fashion there's no use of pretending that it's nice or of timing yourself to see how many hours you laughed without stopping after you read it. No. All the honey the little busy bee gathers through life doesna' help to sweeten its sting. But the reader can aye enjoy the joke fine. We all laugh heartiest when it's the other chap that's getting it in the neck. Even a pessimist can see the bright side of the other fellow's misfortune. Which reminds me that the average man's idea of a good sermon is the one that goes over his own head and hits one of his acquaintances.

A tick-off does us all a world of good at times. It proves for one thing that it's foolish to waste time finding fault wi' yourself; that's what your friends are for. And there's lot's o' men who pat you on the back would as soon punch your head. Of course we all know that some o' us are better than others and at times we argue that that's no reason why it should be kept a secret, but all the same I agree there's no test like time; it shows up the bad in the best of us and the rotten part in the worst of us.

Of course, it doesna' do to take a critic ower seriously; jealousy is often the first suspicion of one's own inferiority and what's more forbye, like the moaning ghost in the country, usually turns out in the end to be a white calf.

But all the same I admit there was quite some truth in what was said last night—in bits, that is. That last Saturday I did asservate three times running that the Scotish national flag was a white St. Andrew's cross on a field of blue, and no' the red lion rampant on a mustard ground, is quite true and can only plead that I had in mind the thrawn kind o' folks I was dealing wi' or I'd have been less positive. Ye see, advice for nothing is usually worth that much and often there's no' much notice taken of it unless ye happen to be a taipan or in a Bank. Even a lie, repeated often enough, is in time believed. That's what makes newspaper propaganda so successful. Now if an Englishman was even to whisper the rights and wrongs anent our national flag, yon red lion would die overnight, but wi' a Scotsman among Scotsmen the average train of thought carries no freight. And that's the way of the world.

Another bone to pick and I'm through. I admit also that there is a painful habit, so easily made to pass muster, of making wise saws and maxims which lend an appearance of thought and wisdom. Ay, that's a thing to be avoided right enough, especially when one becomes unkind because of it. I'll need to watch that and the platitudes into the bargain. Maybe my kindly critic would like me to go in for epigrams instead. But I draw the line at that. Ye canna' get Shawisms and the like at the money I'm drawing. Besides I'd rather have a platitude than an epigram ony day. Platitudes only require a memory, going back to your copybook days. They're easy. On the other hand an epigram has to be a lot of words fitted together in such a manner that their lack of meaning is concealed by the brilliant effect produced. And that sort of thing's very wearing. Like Lord Northcliffe, I'd sooner go in for fiction and be done wi' it.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO.

A Glance at our File.

(Nov. 27—Dec. 4, 1896.)

Owing to the unpleasant weather and heavy sea in the harbour last night, many Kowloon residents were unable to attend the St. Andrew's Ball, while those who were plucky enough to brave the fury of the elements had a most unpleasant crossing, and some preferred to remain in Hongkong to facing the heavy sea and drenching showers of spray to which they would have been exposed on the return journey.

DIFFERENT TO-DAY.

What has become of the road scrapers? Queen's Road was like a batter pudding yesterday, and not even a crossing sweeper to be seen, while the ricksha men paddle along through the sea of mud splashing all and everyone indiscriminately. We can only hope the authorities responsible for this disgraceful state of affairs had their full share of the mud, but perhaps they prefer to be bedraggled, and look upon it as a sort of badge of office.

A DELICATE QUESTION.

In the course of the address delivered at the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon His Excellency the Governor announced that he is in receipt of the reports of the Committee appointed to investigate the management of the Tung Wah Hospital and the difficulties connected with overcrowding and insanitary dwellings. H.E. stated that the report of the Insanitary Dwellings Commission will be published, while the views of the Tung Wah Commission are receiving His Excellency's earnest attention, the question being one of "considerable difficulty and delicacy".

SOME FIGURES.

The principal increases in expenditure, as compared with the Estimates for 1896 appear under the following heads:—1. Public Works Extraordinary Chargeable to Loan, $170,800; 2. Military Expenditure, $30,079; 3. Pension, $26,000; 4. Public Works Recurrent, $23,300; 5. Post Office $22,181; 6. Public Debt, $11,447; 7. Sanitary Department, $9,800; and 8. Medical Department $4,542.

LA RINKA.

There was a sound of revelry in the air in Duddell Street last night when Mr. Sam Marks opened his Victoria Hall Skating Rink, and probably there is a feeling of soreness about a good many gentlemen's limbs to-day. Soon after the doors were opened the rink was well filled and its pretty appearance evoked much admiration. At first only those who felt they could gyrate with safety and confidence donned the skates, and then less skilful ones ventured to cover themselves with glory (and bruises). The Hongkong Regiment's Band supplied excellent music. Among the skaters were some who spun along with ease, but the novices brought all alike to grief, while several erratic performers showed a strong inclination to slide under Host Farmer's bar counter. There is no doubt that skating will be a deservedly popular form of winter amusement in Hongkong. A number of ladies were present, but only one essayed a spin round and she was one of the few who went through without a fall. To those who appreciate pleasant exercise combined with any amount of fun, a visit to the Victoria Hall Rink can be well recommended.

WAY BACK.

Many of our readers will be very sorry indeed to hear of the death, at the Government Civil Hospital, of Mr. Daniel Stephen Heaysman. He was one of the oldest residents of the colony, having arrived here in the seventies. In 1881 the deceased was the popular Manager of the Hongkong Hotel, but when Mr. Dorabjee severed his connection with the "Kremlin" and established the "Vic." Heaysman followed his old friend thither. A few years after this he took the business of the National Hotel from Mr. John Olsen, but he lost money over the venture and had to give it up. The losses incurred in running the "National" were never recovered and therefore when a constable was wanted for the British Consulate at Hoihow Mr. Heaysman was only too glad to get that appointment, and seemed to be comfortable in his new post.

NEW RIFLE CLUB.

Through the exertions of Inspector McEwan of the Naval Dockyard Police, a rifle club has been formed among the employees of the Yard, the Commodore having given his warm approval to the movement and also accepted the position of President of the club. The club members some 30 shooting members, and their first practice is fixed for Saturday next at the Police Range, Stonecutters' Bay. As there are some crack shots in the yard, we shall expect to see them well up at the next "shoot" of the Rifle Association. Through the kindness of the Commodore the club is to be supplied from the Victor Emanuel with Lee-Metford ammunition at cost price, and the Dockyard launch has been generously placed at the disposal of members to carry them to and from the range free of charge. This is something like encouraging shooting and we wish the new club every success.

ALLEGED HOUSE-BREAKING.

Possession of Burglar's Tools.

A Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday on two charges of illicit possession. He said that the burglarious implements, including an electric torch, a pair of pincers and a small mallet, which were the subject matter of the first count, were used by him in the course of his work when he was employed on a steam launch in Canton. With reference to the second charge, defendant admitted stealing the four articles of clothing which were found in his possession.

Sub-Inspector Macdonald informed the Magistrate that a detective arrested defendant early yesterday as he was going towards the Yaumati Ferry wharf, and took him to the Station. Defendant was searched and the implements were extricated from his socks and garters. The complainant, a woman living at 14 Kong Hong Terrace, reported to the Police yesterday morning that her house had been broken into during the night, and she identified the clothing in Court as part of what had been removed.

The Magistrate amended the charge of unlawful possession of clothing to one of breaking and entering and stealing the clothing in question.

Defendant admitted the theft, but said that the door was open.

Evidence was given by the complainant that she saw her nurse bolt the door at 10 o'clock on Thursday night.

The case was adjourned to enable Sub-Inspector Macdonald to obtain the opinion of the Captain Superintendent of Police with regard to the advisability of committing the accused for trial, the latter having previous convictions against him. His Worship also instructed Sub-Inspector Macdonald to go to Kong Hong Terrace, to make experiments as to whether the bolted door could be opened with any of the implements produced.

IRRITATED & INFLAMED EYE

can be directly traced in many cases to the Sunday Motor trip and Golfing. The dust from some sections of the local roads contain a decided eye irritant. A suggestion for these trips would be to keep the windshield up and to use a pair of Sun glasses. Sun glasses of any pattern with either Crookes, Luxfel, Fieuzal, Amber, London Smoke, or Blue lenses are obtainable at very moderate prices from the Hongkong Optical Co., Successors to Clark & Co., Manufacturing and Refracting Opticians—the most competent manufacturing optical establishment in South China—located in 53, Queen's Road Central (opposite to the Singer Sewing Machine Company).

BALLIN'S MEMOIRS RELATE PEACE EFFORTS.

Narrative of Famous Shipping Magnate.

An important contribution to pre-war history is to be published in the memoirs of Albert Ballin, the German shipping king, who committed suicide at the outbreak of the revolution rather than survive the downfall of Germany and the ruin of her maritime greatness.

Ballin, who was the founder of the Hamburg-American Line and the greatest factor in the development of German-American shipping intercourse, headed a group in the German commercial world which for several years previous to the war had striven determinedly to stave off the Anglo-German conflict, foreseeing that it would spell destruction to the German merchant marine.

His attitude caused a breach with the Kaiser, upon which the memoirs are understood to throw full light, and also on the pre-war negotiations in which Ballin engaged with London on the very eve of war to end the pans of the military party.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory:

9.00 a.m. Nov. 26.

Typhoon in about 122 deg. Long. E. 12 deg. Lat. N. moving W.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Here is a motoring offence that costs £4 an inch. Luckily, it has nothing to do with any speed limit, or a motorist convicted of doing 30 miles an hour in an area where there are restrictions would want a pretty bank balance to pay the fine, remarks a London writer. It concerns a motorist, who, at Kingston (Surrey) recently, was fined 10s. for having a number-plate on which the letters were one-eighth of an inch under the regulation size.

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When you walk over Westminster Bridge, are you going south? In writing of the pedestal outside the new County Hall we called it the "south-east corner," says a Home paper. That was careless, and shows that we do not carry a map or compass on our London walks. "Surely it is the northeast corner," a correspondent writes. He is right. Westminster Bridge runs east and west not north and south, like Blackfriars Bridge. Many persons will be surprised that the two bridges are at right angles to each other, but look at a map, and see how the winding of the river makes the "south side" of Westminster Bridge really the east side. Lambeth Bridge also runs due east and west.

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That fascinating and mysterious substance, radium, has stepped into the arena of science in a new part, the part of time-measurer. Lord Kelvin—it seems only yesterday—was content to take the heat of the sun in order to determine the age of the earth. Then came the saltness of the sea as another standard. Both are scrapped. All we have to do now is to find out how slowly uranium gives off radium, and how slowly radium breaks itself up into helium or lead, and you can then take your choice of any period for the age of a habitable earth as from 10,000 to 20,000 millions of years. But even then sufficient mystery as to the warmth of the sun and earth remains to puzzle even Lord Rayleigh.

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Lord Rayleigh's scientific guess at the earth's age as "a moderate multiple of 1,000,000,000 years," shows how vastly our ideas of time stretch as science opens new vistas. For many centuries the arbitrary 6,000 years ordained by the Church held the field. Several Italian thinkers, including Leonardo da Vinci, dared to suggest longer periods, but Buffon seems to have been the first to give the new thoughts a definite number. His guess at 70,000 years was received with amazed incredulity, as was the 132,000 more years which he gave the earth to bear life.

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Bishops who pine for a more democratic status will probably be gratified before long, for there is talk of setting up twelve new dioceses, carved from the old ones, says the *Daily Chronicle*. The more bishops there are the less dignified the state of the individual bishop—unless discrimination is made by conservative parishes between the new and the old, as in the case of a newly-appointed suffragan who went to hold a confirmation and observed that the flag on the church staff was half-mast high. He asked what misfortune was notified. "Oh," said the parish clerk, "we don't put the flag right up except for the real bishops—them sufferin' bishops has it half-way."

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In the contemplation of the Reynolds just presented to him by his colleagues, Mr. Austen Chamberlain should find no disturbing emotion, writes a Home journal. For Viscount Barrington's political career, both before and after he became Chancellor of the Exchequer, was calm and prosperous. He filled nearly every high office, including that of "Secretary at War," and retired at a ripe age with a pension of £2,000 a year. He died in 1793 at the age of 76. The worst thing ever said about him, and it left him cold, was an accusation of crippling and starving the British Army, and "disgracing the flag of his country by sending out under it the untrained mercenaries of the Continent."

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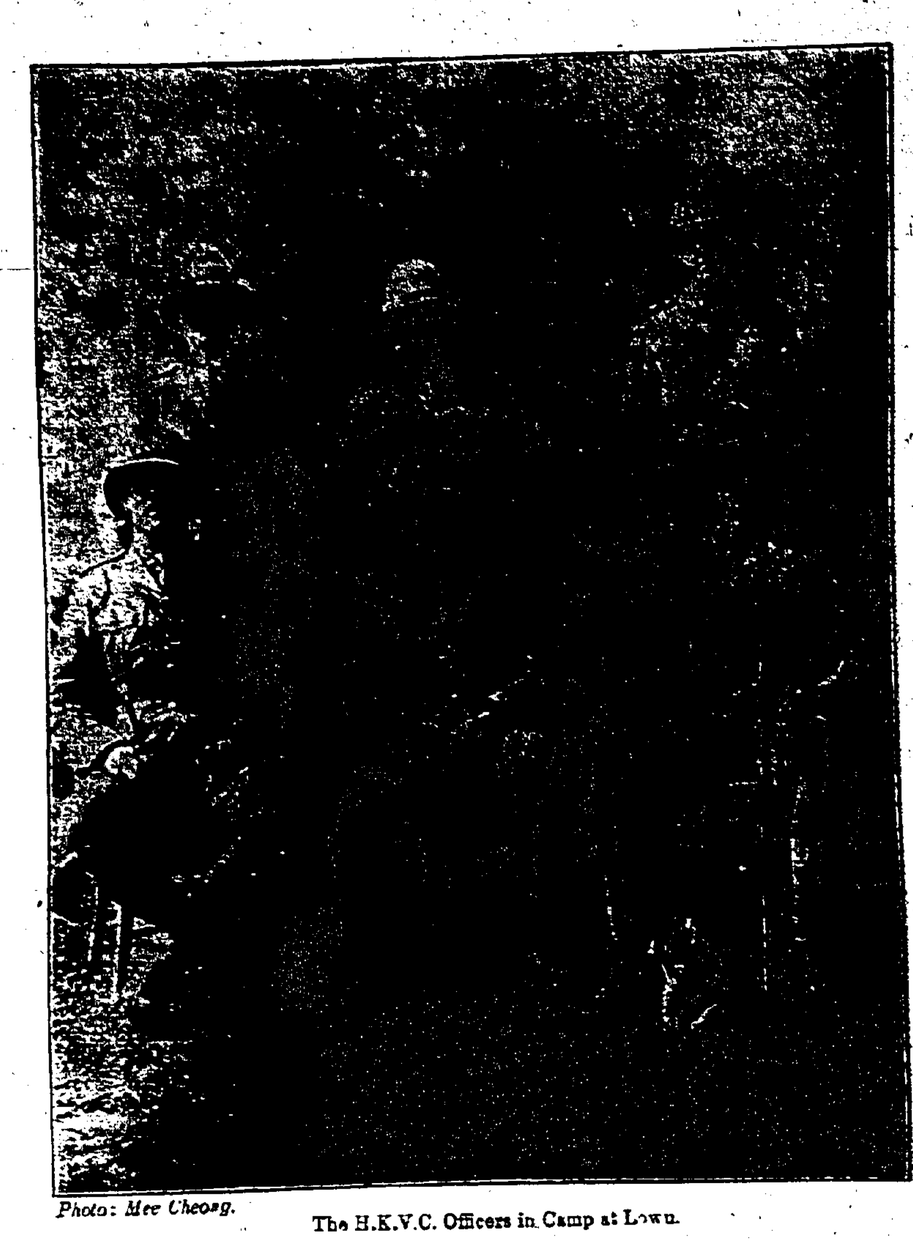

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The H.K.V.C. Officers in Camp at Lowu.

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The Evergreens.

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The Mounted Section.

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Cadets at Rifle Practice.

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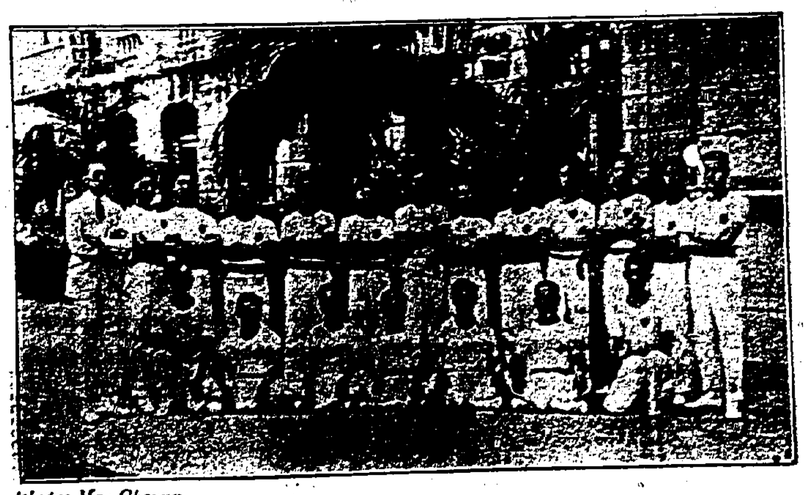
Warrant Officers and Senior N.C.O.s at Lowu.



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AN ARMS CASE.

Police Informers Generally Scoundrels.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon, Foo Lam, Li Foon and Kwan Ming were charged with illicit possession of three revolvers and eighteen round of ammunition.

The evidence disclosed that at 3 p.m. on the 9th. inst., the Police raided the ground floor of 8, Stanley Street, used as quarters for the Chinese servants of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. A search was made of a room at the back of the premises, in which Sub-Inspector Field found the second defendant lying asleep partly on one bed, under which the arms were found, and partly on an adjoining bed. In a locked rattan basket the Police found three fully loaded five-chamber revolvers and three spare rounds of ammunition. Hanging above one bed, the police found a jacket which was claimed by the first defendant, who had accompanied the raiding party to the house. The third accused was found in another room.

Examined by Mr Leo d'Almada, solicitor for the first defendant, Sub-Inspector Field said that lying beside the rattan basket he found a trunck which was claimed by the first defendant as his.

A Chinese detective testified to arresting the first defendant in a subterranean urinal in Pottinger Street, as a result of information.

Questions put to this witness by Mr d'Almada elicited the information that what his informer told him regarding the whereabouts of the arms came from the lips of the first defendant: this was a statement made to him by his informer.

When questioned by his Worship the detective said that on the afternoon of the 8th. he saw the first defendant walking with his informer in Stanley Street. He followed defendant into the urinal and arrested him, he having previously arranged with his informer to wait in Stanley Street to arrest the accused.

The first defendant was not an employee of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, according to the evidence given by a servant employed at 8, Stanley Street, but nevertheless he frequented the Bank's servants' quarters, except that he was associated with Cho Yau who was formerly an assistant cook at the house. The second and third defendants were also employed there.

Examined by Mr. A. E. Hall who defended the second accused witness said the bed in the house were not allotted to any particular inmates: they were occupied indiscriminately.

A watchman employed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to guard their servants' quarters was asked by the Magistrate his reason for allowing Cho Yau, an ex-assistant cook in the house, to frequent the place. The watchman replied that he permitted free ingress to Cho Yau because he knew the latter came to visit the second defendant. The first defendant was introduced into the quarters by Cho Yau.

After the discharge of the third [illegible] which was ordered on the ground of no evidence, the Magistrate decided to hear the evidence of the Chinese detective's informer.

When asked by his Worship what was the informer's occupation Inspector Watt said the informer was a scoundrel as police informers generally were. He claimed to be a shopkeeper but witness did not believe it.

The informer was then called. He described himself as the proprietor of a rice shop in West Point. In January this year the first defendant bought rice from him and they struck up a friendship. On both the 6th. and the 8th. he met the first defendant, and each time the latter told him he had made a big fortune lately.

On the 8th. witness gave the information to the detective that living at 8, Stanley Street, there are a number of men who have made a fortune lately and who have been seen by me to carry arms.

Seeing that the Magistrate was not pleased as to how the matter of firearms came in, the informer explained that at 1 p.m. on the 6th. he visited 8, Stanley Street, and there saw the first defendant take out a revolver from under a bed and examine it in his witness's presence.

The Magistrate: Fancy that! Knowing you were working hand in hand with the police?

The Magistrate, to Inspector Watt: Is the informer a disgruntled member of the gang?

Inspector Watt: At the time the Police had been notified of two armed robberies, one in Pottinger Street and the other in Elgin Street. This witness was the first man who gave us information with regard to the first robbery.

The Magistrate: Do you think he actually knew the gang?

Inspector Watt said no. However, apart from the part relating to the arms in the present case, he did not believe his statement at all.

When asked if he wished to question the informer, Mr. d'Almada said "No, unless your Worship attaches any weight to his evidence."

"None whatever," said his Worship.

Submitting that the Police had failed to discharge the onus to prove "physical or constructive possession" against his client, Mr. d'Almada said it was inconceivable that a man who had firearms in his possession would have told anyone about it. His client was directly or indirectly instrumental in effecting the seizure.

The Magistrate, to Mr d'Almada: I desire to remand your client to consider that point.

The first defendant was remanded until Monday, while the second accused was discharged on account of dearth of evidence.

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Vessel	Agents	From	Mooring
Henry Keswick Tug	H K & W Dock Co.	Paracels & Touraine	Dock C 40
Ningpo	R & S	Newchwang & Swatow	Quarry Bay
Taikoo Wan Yi	..	Hongay	B 9
Sunning		Canton	B 11
Chenan	..		B 12
Saiyang	..	Shanghai	B 50
Hopsang	J M & Co.	Canton	C 41
Wingsang	..	..	Wharf
Laisang		Calcutta & Singapore	C 36
Haiman	Po Shan Co.	Haiphong & Hoihow	C 38
Lake Farmingdale	P M S S Co.	Saigon	Wharf
Katori M.	N Y K	Seattle & Shanghai	C 48
Sensan M.	Kimura & Co.	Keelung	Wharf
Matsuye M.	N Y K	Yokohama & Shanghai	C 35
Asia	Nam Yuen	Saigon & Karmanbay	C 37
Tung Lee	Yee Tai Hong	Chefoo & Dairen	Wharf
Wa Sun	Pak Hong S S Co.	Shanmi	C 42
Hain Wah	C M S N Co.	Bangkok	Wharf
Kwangtah	..	Shanghai	..
Wah Hang	Wing Hang.	Fort Bayard & Macao	..

Clearances.

Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure.
Phranang	Nam Yuen	Saigon	25th Nov.
Van Cloon	J C J L	Singapore & Deli	..
Hydrangea	Chia On S S Co.	Swatow	..
Africa M.	O S K	Dairen & Tacoma	26th Nov
Kwangtah	C M S N Co.	Canton	..
Teikai M.	Suzuki & Co	Haiphong	..
Ralph Moller	Chan Yue Teng	Touraine & Quinhon	..
Saiyang	B & S	Canton	..
Wah Hang	Wing Hang	Kwong Chow Wan	..
Derwent	Thai Thuan	Saigon	..
Lok Sang	J M & Co.	Hoihow & Haiphong	27th Nov
Tjisalak	J C J L	Manila & San Francisco	..
Ningpo	B & S	Wei Hai Wei & Tientsin	..
Toria M.	M B K	Keelung	..
Nichiren M.	..	..	..
Hop Sang	J M & Co	Swatow & Shanghai	..
Sunning	B & S	Shanghai	..
Tenyo M.	T K K	Keelung & San Francisco	28th Nov
Daen Samud	Kwong Ngean Seng	Bangkok	..

Impending Departures.

(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing Date
Tjipanas	J C J L	Saigon	25th Nov.
Changsha	B & S	Australia	25th .
Harold Dollar	B D Co	Vancouver	25th .
Kansas	B & S	New York	25th .
Loksang	J M Co.	Hoihow	25th .
Matsuye	N Y K	Rotterdam	25th .
Tjitaroem	J C J L	Java	25th .
Tenyo M	T K K	San Francisco	25th .
Nippon	D & Co	Shanghai	27th .
Chenan	B & S	Pakow	27th .
Hopsang	J M Co	Shanghai	27th .
Kanchow	B & S	Singapore	27th .
Tjisalak	J C J L	San Francisco	27th .
Wingsang	J M Co.	Haiphong	27th .
Sunning	B & S	Tsingtao	27th .
Laisang	J M Co	Kobe	28th .
Kleist	N Y K	Japan	28th .
Kaifong	B & S	Haiphong	28th .
Kwaisang	J-M Co.	Calcutta	29th .
Hailoong	D L Co.	Foochow	29th .
Borneo M.	Nanyo Y K	Batavia	29th .
Chunsang	J M Co.	Swatow	29th .
Keystone State	Ad. Line	Yokohama	29th .
Kwangchow	B & S	Bangkok	29th .
Saiyang	B & S	Shanghai	29th .
Cadaretta	Ad Line	Saigon	29th .
Linan	B & S	Singapore	29th .
Taikoowanyi	B & S	Tjuatjap	30th .
Chinkiang	B & S	Singapore	30th .
Macassar M.	Nanyo Y K	Yokohama	30th .
Matsumoto M	N Y K	Japan	1st .
Sinkiang	B & S	Shanghai	1st .

Impending Arrivals.

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Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
Katori M.	N Y K	Kobe	25th Nov.
Terresias	B & S	Singapore	26th .
Klent	N Y K	London	27th .
Talthybius	B & S	Yokohama	27th .
Korea M.	T K K	Yokohama	28th .
Empress of Asia	C P S Ld.	Yokohama	28th .
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Dunera	P & O	Bombay	19th .
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Sado M	N Y K	London	22nd .
Egypt	P & O	London	27th .

Consignees Diary.

(Compiled from our Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Goods Stored	Free Storage Expires	Claims to be in by	Examination Date
Keystone State	Ad. Line	Hon Shan	Dec. 2	Dec. 25	Dec 1

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan & Shanghai	Katori M.	...26th Nov.
Europe via Suez (Letters only, London 27th. Oct.)	Terresias	...25th "
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Keystone State	...25th "
Shanghai	Suiyang	...26th "
Europe via Suez (Papers only, London 27th. Oct.)	Euryalus	...27th "
	Kleist	...27th "
Straits	Sinkiang	...27th "
Shanghai		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
*Keelung	Tenyo M. ...	...Sat., 26 Nov., 5 p.m
Fort Bayard	Wah Hang ...	...Sat., 26 Nov., 5 p.m.
*Takao	Kishu M. ...	...Sat., 26 Nov., 5 p.m.
*Japan	Laisang	...Sat., 26 Nov., 5 p.m.
Bangkok	Doen Samud ...	...Sat., 26 Nov., 5 p.m.
Shanghai & N. China	Sunning	...Sat., 26 Nov., 5 p.m.
Swatow, *Shanghai & *N. China ...	Hopsang	...Sat., 26 Nov., 5 p.m.
Keelung, Shanghai, N. China, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *Europe via San Francisco	Tenyo M. ...	...Sat., 26 Nov., Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
*Keelung	Nichiren M....	...Sun., 27 Nov., 9 a.m.
Philippine Is. and *San Francisco	Tjisalak	...Sun., 27 Nov., 9 a.m.
Haiphong	Wingsang ...	...Sun., 27 Nov., 9 a.m.
Hoihow & *Haiphong	Lokzang	...Sun., 27 Nov., 9 a.m.
*Swatow, *Straits, & *Bangkok...	Kaochow	...Sun., 27 Nov., 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Keelung	Karjo M.	...Sun., 27 Nov., 9 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China	Chenan	...Sun., 27 Nov.; 9 a.m.
Pakhoi & Haiphong	Kaifong	...Mon., 28 Nov., 9 a.m
Hoihow & *Bangkok	Changchow ...	...Mon., 28 Nov., 9 a.m.
Shanghai, N. China & Japan	Kleist	...Mon., 28 Nov., 10 a.m.
Java & Port Moresby via Batavia ...	Tjitaroem	...Mon., 28 Nov., 1 p.m.
Shanghai & N. China	Terresias	...Mon., 28 Nov., 5 p.m.
*Swatow & Bangkok	Chunsang	...Mon., 28 Nov., 5 p.m.
*Swatow & Bangkok	Kwangchow ...	...Tues., 29 Nov., 9 a.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai & *N. China ...	Saiyang	...Tues., 29 Nov., 9 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

BANKS.

ASIA BANKING CORPORATION.
(AN AMERICAN BANK)

CAPITAL ... ... U.S. $4,000,000.
SURPLUS & UNDIVIDED PROFITS: ... over U.S. $2,000,000.
HEAD OFFICE: NEW YORK, U.S.A. BRANCH: SAN FRANCISCO
HEAD OFFICE FOR THE ORIENT: SHANGHAI.
BRANCHES:
CANTON PEKING SINGAPORE
CHANGSHA MANILA TIENTSIN
HANKOW

All Descriptions of banking business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts, Savings Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency, U.S. Dollars, Sterling or Francs.
American Bankers Association and Guaranty Trust Company of New York Travellers Cheques sold by us. Payable throughout the world.

D. M. BIGGAR,
Manager.

THE CHINA SPECIE BANK LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:
St. George's Building, Hongkong.

Chairman of Board of Directors
Mr. Wong Shiu Ham
Chief Manager...Mr. L. S. Holum
Asst. Manager...Mr. K. T. Wong
Hongkong Manager.
Mr. I. P. Allen

Foreign exchange and general banking business transacted.
Current, Savings, and Fixed deposits bear interests at rates 3% 4% and 5% per annum respectively.

L. S. HOLUM.
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1920

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)

Established 1824.

Capital	F.	100,000,000	£8,333,333
Paid-up Capital	F.	50,000,000	£4,166,666
Reserve Fund	F.	15,979,250	£1,331,604
Special Reserve	F.	40,240,000	£3,346,967

Head Office:—Amsterdam.
Branches at
The Hague Rotterdam
Head Agency:—Batavia.

BRANCHES:—

Bandjermasin	Macassar	Singapore
Bandoeng	Medan	Soerabaja
Bombay	Padang	Soerakarta (Solo)
Calcutta	Palembang	
Cheribon	Pekalongan	Tebing Tinggi (Deli)
Djember	Pemalang	
Djokjakarta	Pontianak	Tegal
Kobe	Rangoon	Telok Betong
Kota-Radja	Samarang	Tjilatjap
Langsa	Shanghai	Weltevreden

Correspondents at Colombo, Madras Pondicherry, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, etc., etc.

London Bankers:—The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and correspondents in the East, on the Continent, in Great Britain, America and Australia and transacts banking business of every description.

W. H. GROSKAMP.
Acting Manager.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE
(FRENCH BANK.)

Head Office: 19 bis Rue Laffite, Paris.

Capital	Francs	62,500,000
Reserves		50,000,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Bangkok	Hongkong	Saigon
Battambang	Mong Tze	Shanghai
Canton	Noumea	Singapore
Djibouti	Paperte	Tientsin
Haiphong	Peking	Tourane
Hankow	Phnom-Penh	Vladivostock
Hanoi	Pondichery	Yunnanfu

BANKERS.

FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial Societe Generale.

LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England Ltd., Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

V. MARIOT,
Acting Manager.

Rue Feydeau, October 31st, 1919.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office 15, Gracechurch Street, London, E. C. 3.

Authorized Capital	—	—	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	—	—	1,500,000
Paid Up Capital	—	—	1,050,000
Reserve Fund	—	—	1,100,000

BANKERS.
The Bank of England.
The London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.

BRANCHES:—

Bombay	Karachi
Calcutta	Kota Bharu
Colombo	Kuala Lumpur
Delhi	Madras
Galle	New York
Hongkong	Penang
Howrah	Rangoon
Kandy	Shangha
Port Louis (Mauritius)	Singapore

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

G. L. SAYDER,
Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1919.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital: $50,000,000.00
Paid up Capital 12,279,800.00
Reserve Funds 8,607,673.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING

HONGKONG BRANCH: 4 Queen's Road Central. Branches and Sub-branches all over China and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.

London Bankers:—The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.

The Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

New York Bankers:—The Irving National Bank, and the Equitable Trust Company of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Special facilities for Home Exchange.

TSUYEE PEI
Manager

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—
No. 10 Des Voeux Road Central.
Established 1918.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL $10,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL $5,000,000.00

DIRECTORS:

Mr. Fung Wai Tiar, Chairman.
Mr. Chow Shou Son, Mr. Kan Ying Po.
Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Mok Ching Kong.
Mr. Fung Ping Shan, Mr. Wong Yun Tong.
Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Chan Ching Shek.
Mr. Ng Chang Lok, Mr. Kan Chin Nam.

Chief Manager, Mr. Kan Tong Po.
Asst. Manager, Mr. Li Tse Fong.

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SHANGHAI	YOKOHAMA
KOBE	SAIGON
NAGASAKI	PENANG
SINGAPORE	HANKOW
TIENTSIN	BATAVIA
MANILA	SOURABAYA
SAMARANG	BOMBAY
CALCUTTA	

London Bankers:—The London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on Savings Accounts Four per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 3 months at the rate of 3% per annum
For 6 months at the rate of 4% per annum
For 12 months at the rate of 5% per annum

KAN TONG PO.
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1st, 1921.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK, LIMITED.

Head Office: 6, Des Voeux Road, Central. Hankow Branch; Russian Concession.

DOMESTIC & FOREIGN BANKING.
SERVICE PROMPT.
Current, Savings, and Fixed Deposits bear Interest at Rates 2%, 4%, 5% respectively.

J. USING LY,
Manager.
Hongkong, 7th July, 1919.

THE CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK, LTD.

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Head Office

Alexandra Buildings, Chater Road.
General Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received on rates which may be ascertained on application.

The Bank also [illegible] Savings Department.

K. C. LAU,
Chief Manager.

BANKS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG.

Paid-up Capital ... $15,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £2,500,000
Silver $21,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $15,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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A. R. Gubbay, Esq. | E. C. D. Parr, Esq.
F. H. Holyoak Esq. | W. L. Pedersen, Esq.
A. Plummer Esq. | H. P. White, Esq.

Chief Manager:—
Hon. Mr. A. O. STEPHEN
Manager Hongkong ..... A. H. Barlow, Esq.
Manager: Shanghai ..... G. H. Stitt, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS:
LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER & PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1920.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on Minimum monthly balances at 3½ per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

A. G. STEPHEN.
Chief Manager.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	£3,000,000
RESERVE FUND	£3,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS	£3,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter period at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON.
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1914.

BANK OF CANTON LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business Transacted.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 12 Months 5% per annum.
For 6 Months 4% per annum.
For 3 Months 3% per annum.
On Demand 2% per annum.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

2% per annum on the daily credit balances of over $100.00.

LOOK POON SHAN,
Chief Manager.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

Capital (fully paid up) ... ... Y. 100,000,000
Reserve Fund ... ... Y. 97,500,000

HEAD OFFICE, YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies at

Bangkok	Kai Yuen	Rangoon
Bombay	Kobe	Rio de Janeiro
Buenos Ayres	London	Soerabaya
Calcutta	Lyons	Saigon
Changchun	Los Angeles	San Francisco
Dairen (Dalny)	Manila	Seattle
Fengtien Mukden	Nagasaki	Shanghai
Hamburg	Nagoya	Singapore
Hankow	Newchwang	Shimonoseki
Honolulu	Osaka	Sydney
Tokyo	New York	Tientsin
Harbin	Peking	Tsuruga
	Vladivostock	Tsingtau

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for fixed period at rates to be obtained on application.

T. NISHIYAMA.
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th Sept., 1921.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS: U. S. $12,000,000
UNDIVIDED PROFITS: U. S. $ 4,000,000
(Owned by the National City Bank of New York.)
Head Office: 60 Wall Street, New York
BRANCHES:
LONDON: 16 Bishopsgate, E. C.
LYONS: 27 Place Tolozan
SAN FRANCISCO: 227 Montgomery Street.
CHINA: Canton, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Peking Shanghai, Tientsin.
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Puerto Plata, Pedro de Macoris, Sanchez Santo Domingo, Barahona, San Francisco de Macoris.
INDIA: Bombay, Calcutta, Rangoon.
JAPAN: Kobe, Yokohama.
JAVA: Batavia, Sourabaya.
PANAMA: Colon, Panama.
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS: Cebu, Manila.
SPAIN: Barcelona, Madrid.
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS: Singapore.
BRANCHES OF THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK.
ARGENTINA: Buenos Aires, Rosario.
BELGIUM: Antwerp, Brussels.
BRAZIL: Pernambuco, Porto Alegre, Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Sao Paulo.
CHILE: Santiago, Valparaiso.
CUBA: Havana and 22 cities in Cuba.
ENGLAND: London.
ITALY: Genoa.
PERU: Lima.
PORTO RICO: Ponce, San Juan.
RUSSIA: Moscow, Petrograd, (temporarily closed).
URUGUAY: Montevideo.
VENEZUELA: Caracas.

All descriptions of banking business transacted.

Interest allowed on current accounts and fixed deposits in local or foreign currencies as may be ascertained on application.

GEORGE BOYD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1921.

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HOME VIA CANADA

Hongkong to England

Shanghai, Nagasaki, *Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Vancouver & Montreal.

From Hongkong	Due Vancouver		From † St. John	Due Liverpool
E. Russia	Dec. 5	Dec. 29	Minnedosa	Jan. 3	Jan. 10
*Asia	Jan. 5	Jan. 25	Montcalm	Feb. 1	Feb. 7
Montcalm	Jan. 17	Feb. 10	Melita	Feb. 17	Feb. 28
E. Japan	Feb. 3	Mar. 1	Minnedosa	Mar. 10	Mar. 17
S/Russia	Feb. 20	Mar. 15	Metagama	Mar. 24	Mar. 31
E. Asia	Mar. 20	Apr. 19	E. Britain	Apr. 22	Apr. 28

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VIA KOBE, NAGASAKI, SHANGHAI, THE INLAND SEA, JAPAN & HONOLULU

"THE PATHWAY OF THE SUN."

Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong	Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong
TENYO M.	22,000	Nov. 27.	*PERSIA M.	9,000	Jan. 5.
KOREA M.	20,000	Dec. 7.	TAIYO M.	22,000	Jan. 15.
SHINYO M.	22,000	Dec. 18.	†SIBERIA M.	20,000	Jan. 31.

* Calling at Dairen and omitting call at Keelung & Shanghai.
† Calling at Dairen and omitting call at Keelung.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

HONGKONG TO VALPARAISO.

VIA JAPAN, HONOLULU, HILO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN PEDRO, SALINA CRUZ, BALBOA, CALLAO, MULLENDO, ARICA & IQUIQUE

THENCE BY TRANS-ANDEAN ROUTE TO BUENOS AYRES.

Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong
*RAKUYO MARU	17,500	December 13th.

*(Calling at Manila).

For full information regarding passengers, freight, and sailings apply to:—

Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager.
King's Building. Tel. Nos. 2374 & 2375.

Agents at Canton. Messrs. T. E. GRIFFITH, LTD.

STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC.

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UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD

TO LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO.

"WEST PROSPECT" ... ... 7th December.

TO SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.

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Also, cargo accepted for Transhipment at San Francisco and or Seattle to weekly sailings for

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REGULAR FREIGHT & PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN

KEELUNG, HONGKONG & HAIPHONG

Sailing from Hongkong.

FOR HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Pakhoi

S.S. "HOZUI MARU" ... on or about 8th December.

FOR KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy

S.S. "TAIKWA MARU" ... on or about 8th December.

For further particulars, please apply to—

Branch Office.
No. 37, Bonham Strand, West,
Tel. No. 155.

S. MITARAI,
AGENT.
Top Floor, King's Building,
Tel. No. 140.

PACIFIC SHIPPING.

DOLLAR LINE

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

FOR SAN FRANCISCO SEATT & LE[VANCOUVER.

"Harold Dollar" ... ... 26th November.
"Melville Dollar" ... ... 23rd December.

FOR NEW YORK.

"Robert Dollar" ... ... via Suez ... ... 2nd Jan.

Through Bills of Lading issued to all Over Land Common Points in the United States and Canada.

For Particulars and Rates apply to:—

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GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING Tel. 792
THIRD FLOOR " 795

Operating following U.S. Shipping Board Steamers.

PASSENGER & FREIGHT SERVICE.

For VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE.

Calling Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

			From Hongkong	Arrive Seattle
S.S.	Keystone State ...	For Manila ...	Dec. 29.	
"	Keystone State ...	For Seattle ...	Dec. 10.	Dec. 30.
"	Silver State ...	For Manila ...	Dec. 20.	
"	Silver State ...	For Seattle ...	Dec. 30	Jan. 20.

FOR PORTLAND DIRECT.

Calling Manila, Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

S.S.	Pinetree State ...	Jan. 3	For Manila	
"	Pinetree State ...	Jan. 14	For Seattle	Feb. 3

Through Bills of Lading issued to Overland common points

Passengers and Freight Particulars, apply to

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Telephones 2477 & 2478. 5th Floor, Union Building.

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PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

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TO

SAIGON—SINGAPORE—BATAVIA

and other JAVA PORTS.

CADARETTA.....Sailing Nov. 29.

LAKE ONAWA .....Sailing Dec. 20.

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SERVICE TO UNITED STATES.

FOR NEW YORK and BOSTON.

S.S. WEST HIMROD Second half of November.
S.S. WYTHEVILLE First half of January, 1922.

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BARBER STEAMSHIP LINE INC.,

THE ADMIRAL LINE

AGENTS.

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HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

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Sailings:—To Canton daily at 8 a.m & 10 p.m. (Sundays 10 p.m. only)
From Canton daily at 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. (Sundays 5 p.m. only)

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From Macao daily at 2 p.m. (Sundays at 5 p.m.)

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AN UNSURPASSED HIGH CLASS PASSENGER SERVICE.

FAST FREIGHT AND PASSENGER STEAMERS.
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Trans-Pacific Service

HONGKONG TO SAN FRANCISCO.

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S.S. NANKING Dec. 12th
S.S. CHINA Jan. 16th

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HONGKONG TO SINGAPORE & JAVA
S.S. NILE
December 22nd.

HONGKONG TO SHANGHAI.
S.S. NILE
December 10th.

FAST FREIGHT SERVICE

Through Bills of Lading issued to all points in United States & Canada also

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FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK.

Sailings from Hongkong.

"KANSAS" ... ... via Suez Canal ... 26th November.
"KATUNA" ... ... via Suez Canal ... 10th December.
"KNIGHT OF THE GARTER" via Suez Canal 20th December.

† Calls at Boston if sufficient inducement offers.

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' option, subject to change without notice.

For freight and particulars apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE or THE BANK LINE, LD, HONGKONG.
HONGKONG & CANTON REISS & CO. CANTON.

GERMAN GOODS FLOODING ITALY.

A Milan message says: Senator Orlando points out the rapid growth of German trade with Italy. It was resumed in January 1920, in which month Germany exported to Italy goods worth 26,000,000 lire. The year's total was 821,000,000 lire. Already this year the exports to Italy from Germany total 1,300,000,000 lire (nominally £51,450,000 and £15,116,400 at present rate of exchange). The Senator points to Italian unemployment, and says all strikes, &c., in Italy are to Germany's advantage.

COMMENCIAL NEWS.

MANILA MARKETS.

Messrs. Warner, Barnes and Co., Ltd. Manila, in their latest circular to hand, state: The Hemp market locally has ruled very quiet throughout the past fortnight, and prices have further declined.—The Iloilo Sugar market has continued to rule very firm throughout the past fortnight. Apart from purchases recently made by exporting houses, Chinese have also been buying superior sugar.—The Copra market has ruled dull, with declining tendency, due to the decline in consuming markets and local financial stringency. Sales are reported of 15,000 20,000 piculs ex godown Copra at P10.00 per picul.—There is no change in the quotation for Japanese coal. The output of the mines in Japan continues to be restricted, and stocks held there are gradually diminishing. The price locally of Australian coal has declined P2.00 per ton. Arrivals during the past fortnight were 23,000 tons from Japan for commercial purposes. Two cargoes of about 12,000 tons are due to arrive from Australia next month.—The Rice market has ruled lifeless during the past fortnight and prices have further declined, due to insignificant demand. Prospects for the new crop are better than last year.—Since our last report, the American Flour market has weakened to the extent of 30 cts. gold per barrel, but indications are to the effect that this decline is only temporary.

COTTON SEEDS IN CHINA.

Cotton seeds produced in China, when compared with those of America and India, are not rich in oil. They contain only 8.5 per cent. oil, whereas the yields of oil of the American and Indian seeds are 13 per cent. and 16 per cent. respectively. Exports of Chinese cotton-seeds to foreign countries began in 1895 with 45,000 piculs. From 1909 to 1919, the average export per year was in the neighbourhood of 16,000 piculs. Succeeding years have seen a great increase. From 1891 to 1916, Shanghai and Hankow were the centres of exportation. Tientsin took the lead in 1919 when it exported two-thirds of the entire production in China.

SINO-SCANDINAVIAN BANK.

The Sino-Scandinavian Banking Corporation, Ltd., with a capital of $1,000,000, was inaugurated on November 1, in Peking. Chiang Tien-to, former Acting Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, was elected President, and Mr. Harold Skappel, who is the principal promoter on the Norwegian side, and Chow Hsiang-cheng, a director of the Bureau of Industry in Canton, Vice-Presidents.

PEKING-SUIYUAN RAILWAY.

The Peking-Suiyuan Railway Administration has invited tenders for the construction of the roadbed between Saratsi and Paotowchen—a distance of 177 li.

MOTOR SERVICE.

The Shanghai-Taichong Long-distance Automobile Company will commence its service from Chapei to Lutien in January 1922.

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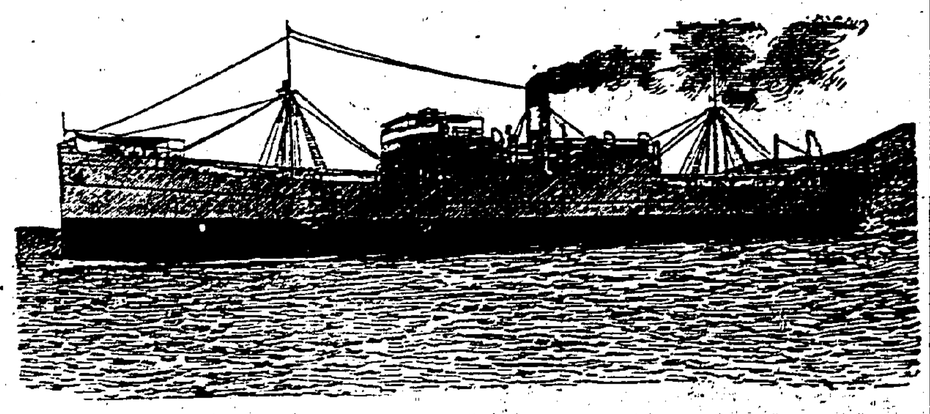

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL SAILINGS (South)

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
NYANZA	7,000	25 Nov. 11 a.m.	M'les, London & Antwerp
LAHORE	5,200	6th Dec.	S'pore, Colombo & B'bay
SOMALI	6,700	10th Dec.	M'les, London & Antwerp.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

ARRATOON A.	4,500	5th Dec.	Calcutta via Straits.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

EASTERN	4,000	12th Dec.	Melbourne via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

DUNERA	5,200	8th Dec.	Shanghai only.
DONGOLA	8,000	14th Dec.	Shanghai & Japan.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

WIRELESS ON ALL STEAMERS.

Parcels Measuring not more than 6-ft. X 2-ft. X 1-ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to noon on the day previous to sailing.

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VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via S'hai & Japan ports.
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KATORI MARU (Calling Manila)	Saturday,	3rd Dec., at 11 a.m.
KASHIMA MARU	Tuesday,	27th Dec., at 11 a.m.
SUWA MARU (Calling Manila)	Saturday,	14th Jan., at 11 a.m.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.

HAKONE MARU	Friday,	9th Dec. at 11 a.m.
YOKOHAMA MARU	Friday,	23rd Dec. at 11 a.m.
YOSHINO MARU	Friday,	6th Jan. at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.
MATSUYE MARU ... ... Saturday, 26th November.

LIVERPOOL, via MARSEILLES.
KAMAKURA MARU ... ... Wednesday 7th December.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsvillle & Brisbane.
TANGO MARU ... ... Tuesday, 20th Dec., at 11 a.m.
NIKKO MARU ... ... Tuesday, 17th Jan. at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK VIA PANAMA & CUBAN PORTS.
TOBA MARU ... ... Monday, 26th Dec.

NEW YORK via SUEZ.
TSUYAMA MARU ... ... End of December.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Cape.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo
KAGA MARU ... ... Wednesday, 7th December.
AWA MARU (Calling Saigon) Sunday, 18th December.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
TSUSHIMA MARU ... ... Sunday, 11th December.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
NIKKO MARU ... ... Friday, 16th Dec., at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA
KLEIST ... ... Monday, 28th Nov. at 11 a.m.
MATSUMOTO MARU ... ... Thursday, 1st Dec.
YAMAGATA MARU ... ... Saturday, 10th December.
MISHIMA MARU ... ... Tuesday, 13th Dec. at 11 a.m.

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Regular Fortnightly Service between
JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjipanas ...	Java	in port	26th Nov.	Saigon, Java
Tjitaroem ...	S'hai/Amoy	in port	26th Nov.	Java
Karimata ...	Java	28th Nov.	—	—
Haidis	Java	3rd Dec.	—	—

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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjisalak ...	Java	in port	27th Nov.	San F'co via Manila, Cebu
Tjileboet ...	Java	second half of Dec.	..	..

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S.S. "NIPPON"	Sailing on or about	27th November.
" "CILICIA"	" "	23rd December.
" "TRIESTE"	" "	Beginning Jan.

For BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE.
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S.S. "NIPPON"	Sailing on or about	10th December.
" "CILICIA"	" "	10th January.
" "TRIESTE"	" "	end January.

Passengers' Luggage can be insured at the office of the Agents.

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Regular Passenger and Cargo Service.
FROM CALCUTTA TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.
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SAILING (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Steamer.	Arrives Hongkong from Australia.	Leaves Hongkong for Australia.
CHANGSHA	23rd Nov.	26th Nov. at 4 p.m.

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FREIGHT & PASSENGER SERVICE
FAR EAST, UNITED KINGDOM & CONTINENT.

Steamers	Sailing.	
City of Glasgow	6th Dec.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
Kazembe	19th Dec.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SERVICE.

City of Manchester	20th Feb.	London
City of Simla	Middle Mar.	London

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GLEN AND SHIRE.

JOINT SERVICE OF STEAMERS.
U.K., STRAITS, CHINA & JAPAN Service.
OUTWARDS.

Vessel.	Due Hongkong.
M.V. "GLENAVY"	11th December.
" "GLENGYLE"	14th December.
" "GLENLUCE"	21st December.

HOMEWARDS.

Vessel.	Leaves Hongkong.	Discharges.
S.S. "GLENIFFER"	12th Dec.	GENOA, LONDON, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG.

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COASTAL SHIPPING.

INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer		Sailing
KOBE via Moji	Laisang	Sun.	27th Nov. at d'light.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Hopsang	Sun.	27th Nov. at d'light.
HAIPHONG	Wingsang	Sun.	27th Nov. at 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Loksang	Sun.	27th Nov. at 10 a.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow	Chunsang	Tues.	29th Nov. at d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta ...	Kwaisang	Tues.	29th Nov. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Hangsang	Fri.	2nd Dec. at d'light.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Fri.	2nd Dec. at noon.
MANILA	Yuensang	Fri.	2nd Dec. at 3 p.m.

CALCUTTA LINE:—This Line now affords regular sailings to Calcutta, Penang and Singapore; Returning from Calcutta steamers proceed via Straits and Hongkong to Japan occasionally calling at Shanghai.
All steamers have excellent passenger accommodation, are fitted with Electric Light & Fans and carry a fully qualified Surgeon.
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MANILA LINE:—A weekly service is maintained with Manila by vessels with good passenger accommodation, sailings from both ports every Friday.
HAIPHONG LINE:—Sailings approximately weekly for passengers and cargo, calling at Hoihow when inducement offers.
BORNEO LINE:—Fortnightly sailings to and from Sandakan by two 5,000 ton steamers s.s. "HINSANG" & "MAUSANG" both steamers having excellent passenger accommodation. Cargo taken on through Bills of Lading for Kudat, Jesselton, Labuan, Tawao and Lahad Datu.
TIENTSIN LINE:—A regular service is run from March to Nov. between H'kong & Tientsin calling at Weihaiwei & Chefoo.
BANGKOK LINE:—A weekly service is provided between Hongkong and Bangkok, via Swatow, by four steamers fitted with up-to-date passenger accommodation.

CALCUTTA LINE.

S.S. "Kwaisang" will be despatched on or about Tuesday, 29th Nov., at 3 p.m. for SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.
Through Bills of Lading issued to RANGOON, PORT SWETTENHAM & MADRAS & DUTCH EAST INDIES.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers.	To Sail.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO...	Sunning	...27th Nov. at d'light.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE..	Kanchow	...27th Nov. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & PUKOW.....	Chenan	...27th Nov. at noon.
PAKHOI & HAIPHONG.....	Kaifong	...28th Nov. at 10 a.m.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	Changchow	...28th Nov. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK.....	Kwangchow	...29th Nov. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI ...	Suiyang	...29th Nov. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Linan	...29th Nov. at noon.
TJILATJAP	Taikoowanyi	...29th Nov. at noon.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE...	Chinhua	...30th Nov. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI.....	Sinkiang	... 1st Dec. at noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO...	Yingchow	... 3rd Dec. at 4 p.m.

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Hongkong Nov. 26, 1921.

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Steamships.	Captain.	Leaving.
Halloong	W. Couper	TUES., 29th Nov. at noon.
Haihong...	W. C. Paramore ...	FRI., 2nd Dec. at noon.
Haiching	J. S. Thomson	TUES., 6th Dec. at noon.

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S.S. BORNEO MARU Sailing on or about 29th Nov.

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S.S. MACASSAR MARU Sailing on or about 30th Nov.

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Second Floor, Princes Building.

SHIPPING NEWS.

SEAMAN TO PAY £34.

For deserting his ship, the Rosefield, of Newport, Mon., whilst at Norfolk, Virginia, Charles Stephens, seaman, was at Bristol ordered to pay £54 within two months. The prosecuting solicitor stated that it was becoming a common practice among seamen to join ships in this country and desert in the U.S. to get higher rates of pay. Ships were held up till substitutes could be found, other members of the crew refusing to work short-handed. Defendant's rate of pay was £15 per month, and a substitute had to be engaged at £24 per month. His desertion involved the ship in a loss of £173, and two other desertions made a total loss of £500.

RAFTING TIMBER ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

A Japanese firm proposes to make another attempt to raft timber from British Columbia to Japan. They believe that the Davis raft structure, of which the outside rows of logs are laced with cable, can be made to stand the trans-Pacific passage. The first raft is soon to leave the British Columbia Coast. It will have a superstructure of piled logs, strongly laced. Hitherto rafted logs have not withstood long sea journeys, except one which was taken from San Francisco to China about twenty years ago. Favoured by calm seas the raft was safely landed. The Chinese, however, unused to big logs, took ten years to cut up this boom, using long hand rip saws to make the boards.

£1,000-A-YEAR PILOTS.

A feature of the abstract of returns relating to pilotage in the United Kingdom for the year 1920, issued as a White Paper, is the considerable number of pilots whose average net earnings amount to £1,000 or more per year. The Thames heads the list. At Rochester three pilots averaged £1,109 each, and three others £1,150 each. Out of 314 Port of London pilots 75 Channel pilots averaged £1,117 each; 69 Cinque port pilots £1,094 each; and 81 compulsory River Thames pilots £1,006 each. Other groups earned £837, £792, and £588 respectively. The number of ships piloted in and out of London district during the year was 27,743 British and 16,475 foreign. The only other port where over £1,000 was earned was Port Talbot, where the average was £1,089 19s 2d for the pilotage of 764 British ships and 1,253 foreign ships, but out of this sum the pilots maintain and run their cutter service. Swansea just falls below this figure, the average earnings being £991 8s 8d per pilot for 1,599 British ships and 3,095 foreign ships. The highest figure for Scotland was at Glasgow, where the average net earnings of 46 pilots for the pilotage of 10,162 British ships and 1,050 foreign ships was £824 each. In Ireland, Belfast heads the list with 17 pilots earning an average of £396 9s 8d in respect of 4,150 British ships and 234 foreign ships.

SHIPBREAKING BOOM.

While the world's shipbuilding industry has undergone a tremendous decline of late and is facing an almost unprecedented depression, the business of shipbreaking, says the *Nautical Gazette*, is enjoying an extraordinary boom. Including the U.S. Shipping Board's obsolete wooden ships, it has been estimated that fully 18 per cent., or 11,000,000 gross tons, of the world's existing merchant fleet is ready for the scrap heap. The process of welding out ships which have outlived their usefulness is already in full swing. There has just been announced the coming demolition after 33 years' active service of the former White Star steamer Teutonic, once holder of the blue ribbon of the Atlantic, which is said to have been sold to her dismantlers for less than £10,000. A firm of British shipbreakers secured the ex-Hamburg-American liner Graf Waldersee for the sum of £4,000, or the equivalent of 1.12 dollar per gross ton. The same concern recently acquired for demolition purposes 113 obsolescent war craft from the British Government. Among these was the famous original Dreadnought, whose appearance 15 years ago marked the beginning of a new era in warship design. After an uneventful career and without once having been in action, this noted vessel, which cost in the neighbourhood of £100 per ton fetched only a bid of £2 10s per ton from her final buyers.

NOTICES.

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EXCHANGE.

(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 11.

SELLING.

T/T	2.71½
Demand	2/7½
30 d/s	
60 d/s	
4 m/s	2/8
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	113
T/T Japan	109
T/T India	195½
Demand, India	—
T/T San Francisco & New York	52½
T/T Java	150½
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T Francs	7.30
Demand, Paris	—

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	2/9⅛
4 m/s. D/P	2/9¼
6 m/s. L/C	2/9¾
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	2/10⅞
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	55½
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. Francs	8.10
6 m/s. Francs	8.30
Demand, Germany.	
Demand, New York	52⅝
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	195½
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	195½
On Yokohama	109
Demand, Manila	108½
Demand, Singapore.	113
Demand, Batavia	150½
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	—
On Bangkok	79½
Sovereign	Nom. 7.40
Gold leaf per Tael	47.60
Bar Silver, ready	37⅝
forward	37⅜
Bank of England rates	5%
New York/London	3.99½

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

H'kong 50 ct. pieces	1/5% pm.
10 " "	1/10% pm.
5 "	1.6% pm
Canton sub. coins	16.2% d/s.

Hongkong Nov. 26, 1921.

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—27th November, 1921. Advent Sunday. Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses, Ferial; Venite, No. 7, Steiner; Psalms, 1, Wesley, 7. No. 8; Te Deum, Jones, Camidge, Camidge 12th Morning; Benedictus, No. 4 Martin; Anthem, "Hearken unto Me." Sullivan; Hymn, 49. Holy Communion (12 noon.) Litany (12 noon.) Evensong (6 p.m.) Responses, Ferial; Psalms, 46 Turner, 43 Pymer; Magnificat, No. 7; Nunc Dimittis, No. 6 Lloyd; Hymns, 50 53, 13.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.—Advent Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist. Introit. A. & M. 49; Gradual, A.& M. 53; Offertory, A. & M. 51; Communion, A. & M. 322; Post-Communion, A. & M. 288. Preacher: Rev. C. B. Shann.

The Wesleyan Church, Queen's Road (opposite Royal Naval Hospital) Wanchai.—Sunday, 27th November, 1921. Divine Service and Church Parade at 10.15 a.m. Subject: "The One Foundation but not the One Roof." Evening Service at 6.15 p.m. Subject: "Reason and Conscience, their strength and weakness." Preacher: Rev. C. Clouston Porri. H.C.F. Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Homes, Arsenal Street. Sunday at 8.15 p.m. Chaplain's Meeting and Social Hour. Speaker, Mr. Foulds. Soloist,- Mr. Granville. Wednesday, 8.15 p.m. Wesley Guild. Ladies' Evening. Friday, 3 p.m. Ladies' Working Party and Tea. Saturday, 8.15 p.m. Popular Concert.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, MacDonnell Road.—Sunday, 11.15 a.m. Wednesday, 5.45 p.m.

CONSIGNEES

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

The Steamship

"KEYSTONE STATE"

having arrived from Seattle-Wash., via ports, on 26th inst. consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into Godowns of The Hon Shan Godown Co., Nos. 16 and 17, Kennedy Town Praya, Hongkong, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 2.30 p.m. on 1st Dec., by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after Dec., 2nd will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

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Hongkong, 26th Nov., 1921.

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RIVER LEVELS.

As a guide to shipmasters and others interested in the water levels of the river we have been requested by the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung to publish the following table of water levels. The levels are taken at 10 a.m. each day.

Place of Observation	Highest W. L. ever recorded Feet	Lowest W. L. over recorded Feet	1921 W. L. Aug. 30 Feet	1921 W. L. Aug. 31 Feet
Wuchow, West River	+79.50	-2.42	29.00	29.40
Kongmoon, " "	+14.70	-0.80	6.90	7.60
Linkonghow, North "	+57.00	0	8.50	—
Samshui, " "	+27.25	-5.00	8.00	8.10
Sheklung, East "	+15.15	-0.98	3.61	4.00

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m.	to 8.00 a.m.	Every 15 mins
8.00 "	to 8.30 a.m.	" 10 mins
8.30 "	to 11.30 a.m.	" 15 mins
11.30 "	to 12.30 p.m.	" 15 mins
12.30 p.m.	to 2.30 p.m.	" 10 mins
2.30 "	to 4.00 p.m.	" 15 mins
4.00 "	to 8.15 p.m.	" 10 mins

NIGHT CARS.

8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. 9.45 p.m.
9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 30 minutes
11.45 p.m.

SATURDAYS.

EXTRA CAR 12.00 midnight.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m.	to 7.45 a.m.	
8.00 a.m.	to 9.30 a.m.	Every 15 mins
9.30 a.m.	to 11.00 a.m.	" 10 mins
11.30 a.m.	to 12.00 noon	" 15 mins
12.00 noon	to 1.00 p.m.	" 10 mins
1.00 p.m.	to 6.00 p.m.	" 15 mins
6.00 p.m.	to 8.15 p.m.	" 10 mins

NIGHT CARS.

As on Week Days.

SPECIAL CARS.

BY ARRANGEMENT AT THE COMPANY'S OFFICE, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, DES VOEUX ROAD.

TIDE TABLE.

21st to 27th Nov., 1291.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time	Height
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in
Mon.	21	m 0 13	7.6	m 8 11	1.6
		3 2?a	5.0	6 35a	4.4
Tues.	22	m 1 26	7.0	m 9 18	1.5
		4 21a	5.2	8 7a	4.6
Wed.	23	m 2 51	6.5	m 10 21	1.8
		5 14a	5.6	10 24a	4.4
Thur.	24	m 4 30	6.1	m 11 15	2.4
		6 0a	6.0		
Fri.	25	m 5 55	5.9	m 0 3	3.7
		6 40a	6.5	0 6a	2.7
Sat.	26	m 7 7	5.7	m 1 8	3.0
		7 15a	6.9	0 47a	2.8
Sun.	27	m 8 9	5.5	m 1 57	2.4
		7 47a	7.3	1 24a	3.1

m morning; a afternoon

NOTICE.

MITSUBISHI SHOJI KAISHA, LTD.

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